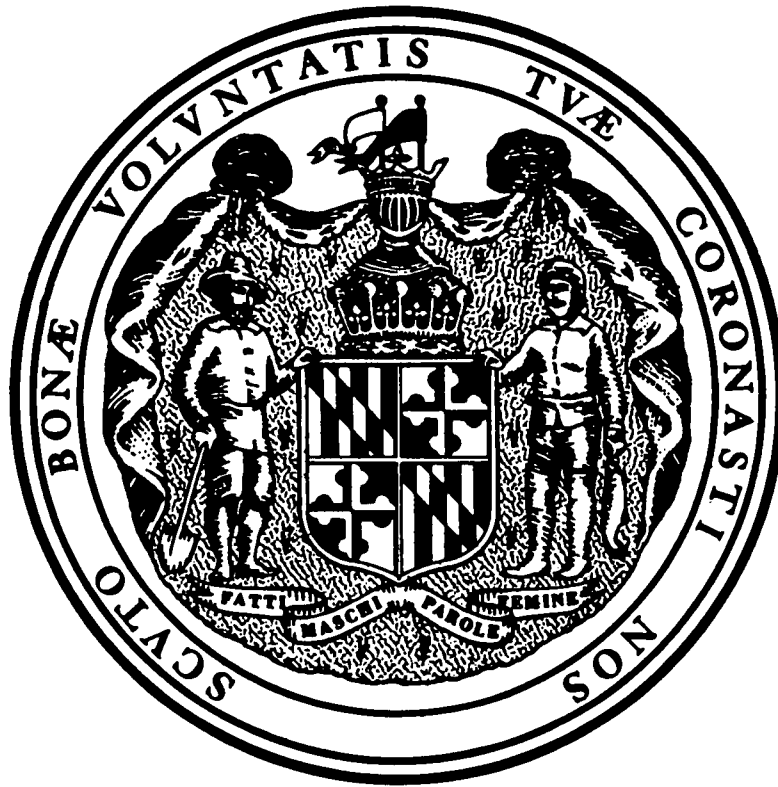
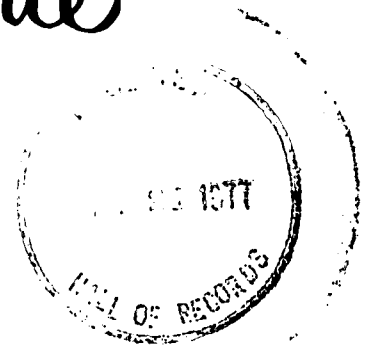


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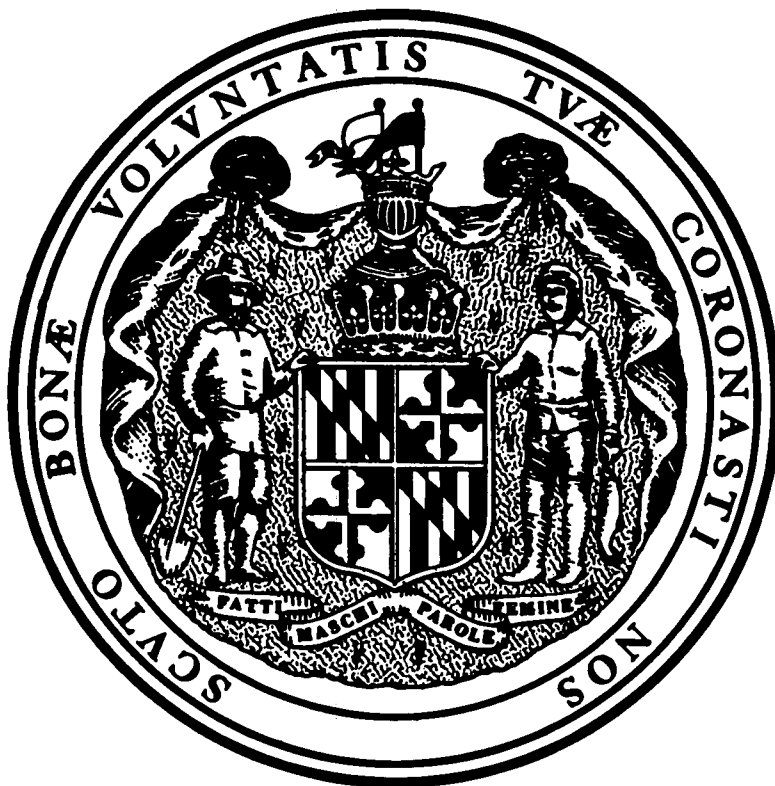
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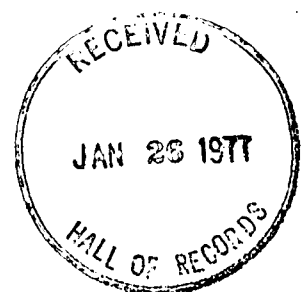
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To The Honorable, The Chief Judge of
The Court of Appeals of Maryland:

Pursuant to Maryland Code (1974, 1976 Cum.
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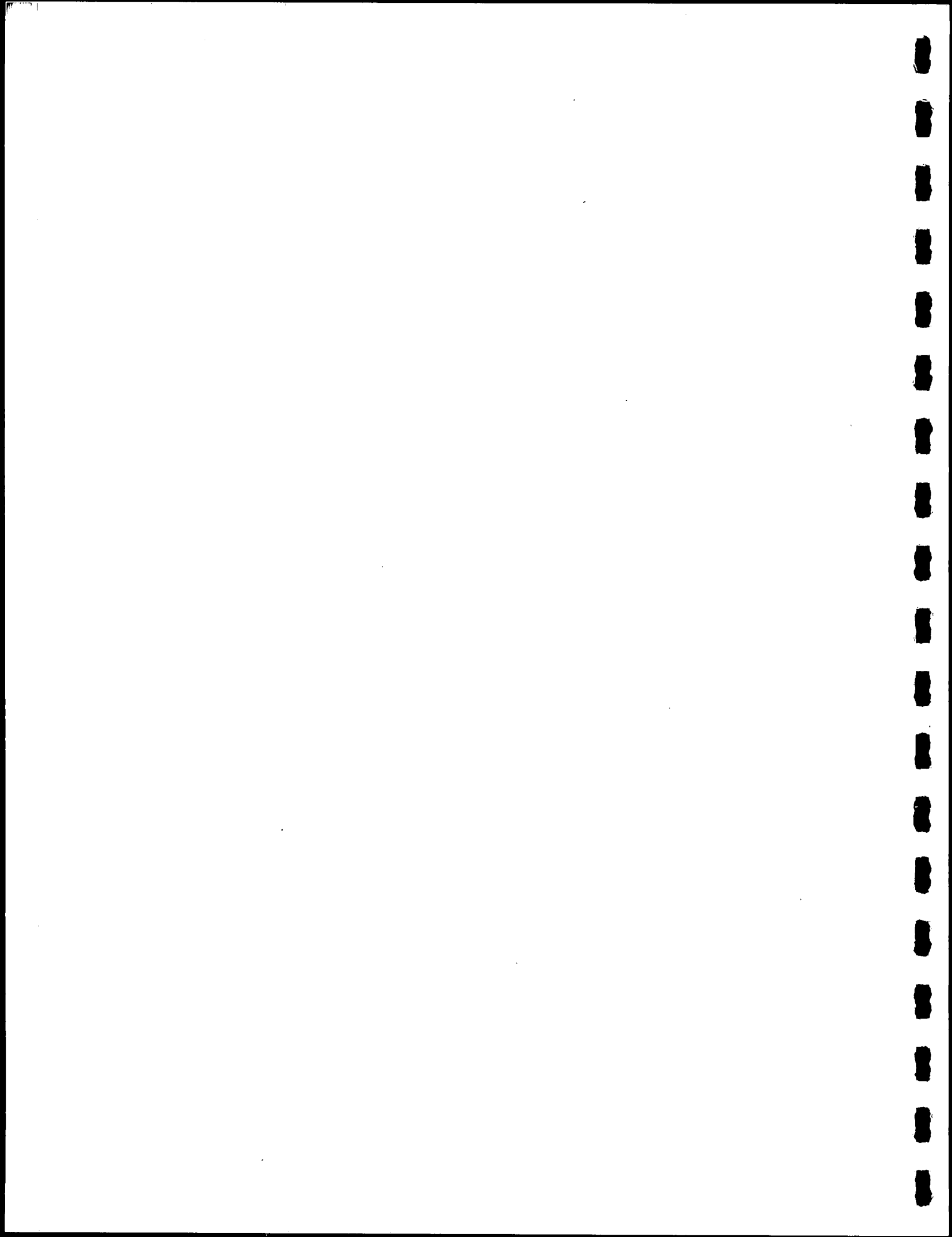
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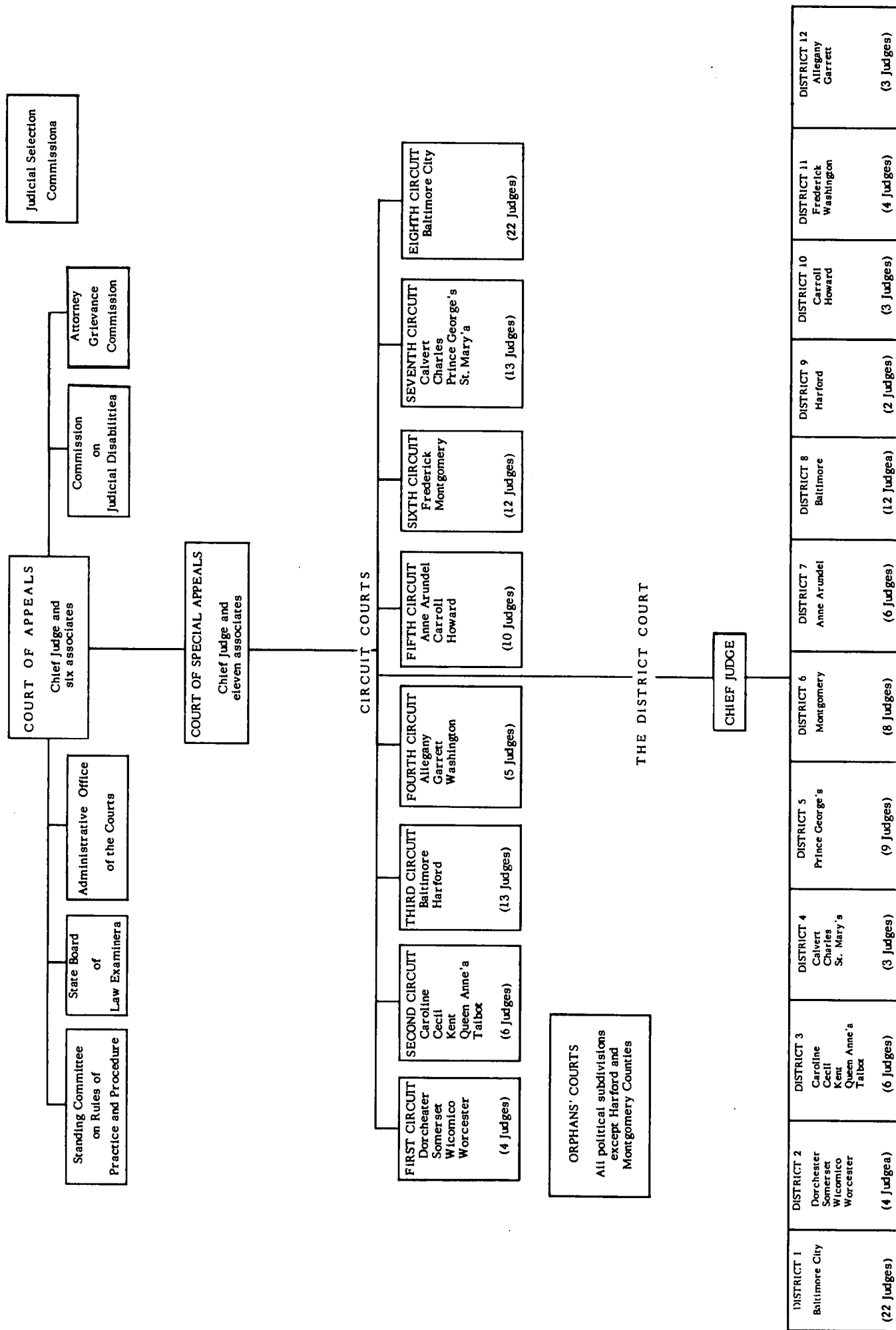
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AN OVERVIEW OF THE COURTS

THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL SYSTEM



STATE OF THE JUDICIARY

On June 10, 1976, at the invitation of the Maryland State Bar Association, Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy delivered a report on the State of the Judiciary. This report provides an informative overview of the Judicial Branch of government, its accomplishments, its goals and its problems. It also suggests various ideas and projects for improvements in the Judicial Branch.

Therefore, it is appropriate to introduce the Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts with the 1976 address of Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy on the State of the Judiciary.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY TO
THE MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION BY
ROBERT C. MURPHY, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
OF MARYLAND

June 10, 1976

It is a very special pleasure for me to be invited here this morning--not only because the company is so thoroughly enjoyable--but more importantly because of the opportunity it affords me to speak with you about the common responsibility we share for the effective administration of justice in our State. Ordinarily I make it a practice never to take more than twice my allotted time; but so great is my respect for this Association, and for its members, that I have carefully timed myself to stay within the time limitation imposed upon me by your President. As a consequence, I can do little more than focus briefly on a few matters of importance to our profession, and touch on several problems which I believe to be of prime interest to the Bench and Bar.

Exclusive of Orphans' Court judges, we now have a total of 187 judges in Maryland, all lawyers, all full time judicial officers; they man a total of approximately 150 courtrooms throughout our State, and entertain, collectively, well in excess of a million cases a year. As you know, our State court system is structured into four distinct levels; three of which -- the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals and the District Court -- are completely unified; that is, they are completely State-funded, State-operated and centrally managed. The all important remaining level -- the trial courts of general jurisdiction -- meaning of course the Circuit Courts of the counties and the six Courts comprising the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City -- are anything but unified; on the contrary, they are locally funded, subject to local influences, not managed on a centralized basis, and are essentially an agglomeration of twenty-nine local county courts, each operating in semi-autonomous fashion, each with its own elected clerk and other operating personnel over whom the court has no direct control. Other than the salaries of the judges, which are paid by the State, the personnel of these courts are paid by the local political subdivision in which they are located. And because of this local funding pattern, the adequacy of the courthouses and of court facilities, and the provision made for all other judicial branch resources, varies widely among the counties, and between the counties and Baltimore City, depending usually upon the subdivision's degree of affluence, or the strength of its commitment to maintaining an adequate judicial system within its borders.

Strong efforts to unify the trial courts of general jurisdiction are now well under way. The Governor's Task Force on Circuit Court unification, so ably headed by State Treasurer William S. James, has already proposed the adoption of a constitutional amendment to consolidate the six courts which comprise the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City into one circuit court, with but one elected clerk. The enormous advantages that would flow from this reform -- already 100 years overdue -- were put squarely before the legislature at its just concluded session and I think well understood by that body. But in the crush of activity which always attends the final days of any legislative session, the bill was caught up in the political crosswinds that swirled about the Baltimore subway proposal and was not enacted. Vigorous support for the proposal came from all segments of the Bar, and with your continuing support, and with Governor Mandel's firm backing, I am hopeful that the measure will be enacted in 1977 and proposed for state-wide voter approval in November of 1978.

This is but an initial step. The broader mission is, of course, total unification of the circuit courts into one trial court of general jurisdiction, funded and administered entirely by the State, and placed under the operational direction of a single chief judge. Support for this ultimate objective is enthusiastic and widespread, some of it coming from the governing bodies of the political subdivisions who find the expense of operating these courts an increasingly difficult local burden to shoulder. It is worth noting in this connection that as the workloads of these locally funded courts continue to increase -- and we are projecting increases of 2% in law filings, 16% in equity filings, 32% in criminal filings, and 35% in juvenile filings, comparing fiscal 1976 with fiscal 1975 -- management problems are becoming increasingly unmanageable and problems of physical facilities increasingly difficult to resolve. The vigorous support of the members of this Association for circuit court unification is in my judgment absolutely vital, for without it the proposal will likely die and with it any chance of significant judicial reform in this State for many years to come.

Turning now to another Court whose creation was one of this Association's most prized achievements, the District Court of Maryland will celebrate its fifth birthday on July 5th of this Bicentennial year. I cannot recall any other major governmental reform that had such immediate and beneficial effects as did the creation of this Court. Almost overnight the District Court erased the image of injustice that had prevailed for so many decades at the primary judicial level in many parts of our State. And it is with particular pride that I point to the fact that throughout these past five formative years the District Court has been singularly free of even allegations of bias, political partisanship, or other improprieties.

In the last fiscal year, the District Court processed 1,004,000 cases -- of which 280,000 were contested. In addition, the judges of the District Court, in an average year, will sit on the various circuit courts for approximately 600 judicial days. They are truly an extraordinary judicial resource and their versatility has contributed immensely to our ability to operate a judicial system with reasonable efficiency.

The Court of Special Appeals has similarly fulfilled the role this Association had in mind for it when largely through your efforts, it became a reality in 1967. Since its inception,

that Court has seen its caseload skyrocket annually; at its soon to be concluded 1975 Term, 1384 direct appeals were docketed, an increase of 19.9% over the previous year. As exceptional as they are, that Court's twelve judges need additional assistance to carry this load, and I anticipate that a bill will be introduced at the 1977 session of the legislature to add additional judicial manpower to that Court's badly beleaguered forces.

The Court of Appeals, at its 1975 Term, granted 131 petitions for certiorari, denied 444 others, and docketed 173 appeals in all. Of particular interest to you is how the certiorari procedure works, and in what kinds of cases the Court is likely to grant the writ. While the Court has published no definitive opinion on the subject, it will not take a case simply because it may have wrongly decided on the facts by the lower court, or because it may involve a lot of money. What the Court looks for are cases of significant public interest, cases involving conflict in the law between circuits, or districts, or between panels of the Court of Special Appeals, or cases likely to require a new rule of law, or which call for a statutory or constitutional interpretation of first impression. It requires three firm votes to have a petition for certiorari granted, and much depends upon the lawyer's industry, skill and persuasiveness in presenting his petition.

Of great importance to the future of our profession are three proposed constitutional amendments which will appear on the general election ballot this November. The first removes appellate judges from the political election process, substituting therefor a process combining Senatorial confirmation with non-competitor retention elections based solely on the judge's judicial record; the number of bull roasts that a judge may be able to attend will therefore no longer be a factor in determining judicial longevity at the appellate level. The possibility of a contested judicial election, and all it entails, has too long deterred capable lawyers from assuming judicial office; hopefully, insofar as appellate judges are concerned, this will end in November of 1976. This Association has long been in the forefront in the advocacy of this badly needed reform, and now that we are so close to a successful conclusion, I cannot urge too strongly that you accelerate your efforts toward enactment of this vital amendment to our Constitution.

The second proposed constitutional amendment would permit, on an as-needed basis, and under careful safeguards and restrictions, the temporary use of retired judges -- an invaluable

human resource. Thirty-seven other jurisdictions now have procedures for utilizing retired judges on a part-time basis, and with your support, I am hopeful that we can add Maryland to the list in November.

The third proposed constitutional amendment would permit the legislature to grant juvenile jurisdiction to the District Court in any part of the State. If this proposal is enacted, there is a real danger of eroding the concept of uniform jurisdiction which was one of the fundamental constitutional principles underlying the District Court's original creation. The logistics of operating the juvenile court system at the District Court level -- not to mention the fiscal implications -- are enormous and, moreover, threaten the implementation of the Family Court concept unless, of course, jurisdiction over that proposed court's caseload is also to be vested in the District Court.

Recognizing the cardinal importance of the essential relationship between the Bench and the Bar, and the need for closer contacts in our professional endeavors, the Maryland Judicial Conference and its Executive Committee, acting upon the suggestion of your President and Board of Governors, has agreed to establish a joint Bench/Bar Committee, consisting of seven judges and seven lawyers, to formalize and increase our cooperative efforts in dealing with matters of mutual interest and concern. There are so many areas in which the interests of Bench and Bar interlock that I could not begin to list them all; let me touch on but a few.

Your Association has for years carried on effective programs of continuing legal education and, most recently, your special committee to recommend establishment of a Maryland Institute for Continuing Legal Education has opened new vistas. Judges too have been active in the educational area. We have long promoted the attendance of judges at educational seminars, in and out of State, and over the past two years the Judicial Education and Training Committee of the Maryland Judicial Conference has developed a truly outstanding program of ongoing education for all judges, including general orientation and indoctrination programs for all new trial court judges. In short, the Bench, like the Bar, has been deeply concerned with maintaining and improving its professional competence, and I foresee great opportunities for cooperative educational ventures. For example, the Executive Committee of the

Judicial Conference has authorized the copying of the videotapes of certain judicial education programs, with an eye toward making them available to Bar Association education sessions, a matter that the Bench/Bar Committee may wish to explore as a first order of business.

Another matter of critical concern is the necessity of giving priority to the trial of criminal cases at the expense of the prompt disposition of civil cases. The flood of criminal cases is not likely to recede, and we are constantly faced with the problem of shifting manpower from the civil to the criminal courts to satisfy the constitutional and public mandate that those accused of crime be afforded speedy trials. Yet we continue to permit trials de novo in criminal cases on appeal from the District Court; we project over 2000 such de novo criminal appeals in fiscal 1976. It may have made sense at one time to permit a de novo trial at the circuit court level to a defendant in a criminal case tried before a magistrate who was not a lawyer; but that is no longer the situation, and to afford a defendant in such a case with a second full-blown trial is to place a totally unnecessary burden on already overburdened circuit court judges at the expense of prompt disposition of civil and other cases. Equally important, it is demeaning to the highly qualified judges of the District Court to permit this de novo procedure, the expense is by no means inconsequential, and the aggravation to victims of crime, witnesses and others is truly intolerable. Now that more effective recording equipment is being obtained for the District Court, I would hope that the Bar would join with us in making new efforts to abolish the trial de novo and substitute for it appeals on the record.

In an article written in 1956 Professor Robert Dixon, Jr. said that in our Anglo-American society few institutions have enjoyed the prestige and respect, sometime almost amounting to veneration, traditionally accorded to the judiciary. I suspect that this is no longer true today, and I doubt that it was true in 1956. But what was true then, and is true now, is that the public has long been exasperated over the prolonged delays which seem to constitute an innate characteristic of the court and litigation processes, particularly in the criminal justice field. You will recall that Hamlet's Soliloquy numbers "The Law's Delay" among life's burdens and since so much of it is attributable to lawyers, those bent on reform think the solution is to be found in Shakespeare's Henry VI wherein the immortal words

were spoken: "The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." To that, many would add judges too. But wherever the blame may lie, we can all agree that the efficient scheduling and trial of cases is both in the public and our common interest. Nothing wreaks greater havoc with the administration of the court system and with our public image than trial postponements, and while they are unavoidable in some cases, a positive attitude of the Bar recognizing the absolute need for firm case calendaring can be of significant assistance to the Judiciary in dealing with postponement problems. Some attorneys refuse to accept the fact that courts are not required to adjust dockets for their convenience; they fail to recognize that each postponed case causes great inconvenience and considerable extra expense. In any event, at my urging, there now exists in the Judiciary a cadre of hard-nosed district and circuit administrative judges steeped in the philosophy that cases will not be postponed except for the most compelling of reasons. I say to you, therefore, be prepared to try your cases; postponements will come hard in the future.

Another matter of joint concern is that of rule-making. I am aware that more than a few lawyers feel threatened by what they perceive as the undue proliferation of rules of practice and procedure. These lawyers are not alone; a number of judges also are worried by what they view as an incessant avalanche of new rules. But it is the fact that Supreme Court and other court decisions, as well as legislative actions, tend to force the adoption of new rules, whether we like it or not. Nevertheless, I appreciate the concern of lawyers, as do my associates on the Court and the dedicated members of the Rules Committee. Accordingly, the Committee has proposed and the Court has adopted, effective July 1, a new Rule 4, which will strictly limit to July 1 and January 1 the effective dates of new rules, except in bona fide emergencies, and which will also generally require substantial publication in the Maryland Register prior to the effective date. We must, however, go beyond Rule 4. We all know that the Rules Committee has in hand some very important projects. Some of these include substantial abolition of circuit rules (or their adoption as general rules); adoption of Rules of Evidence; elimination of the archaic distinction between law and equity procedure; and a restructuring of the rules in a more logical and useful format.

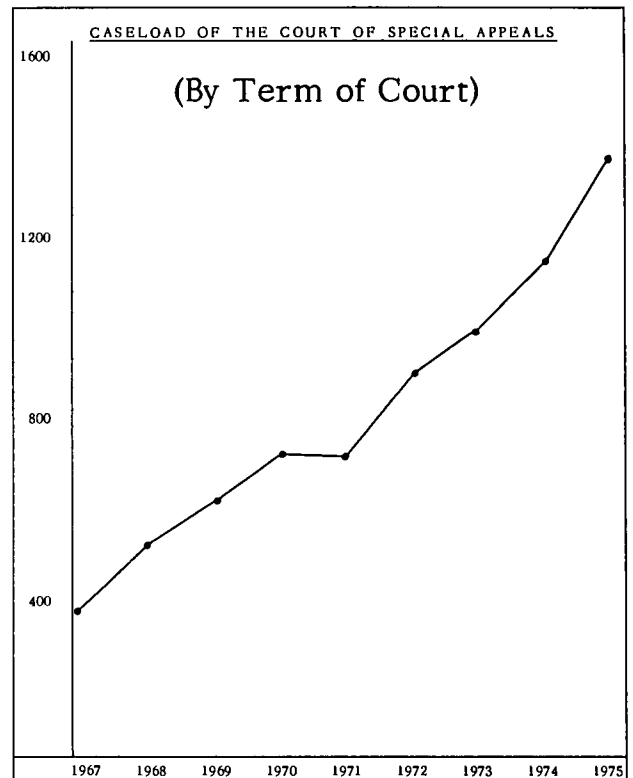
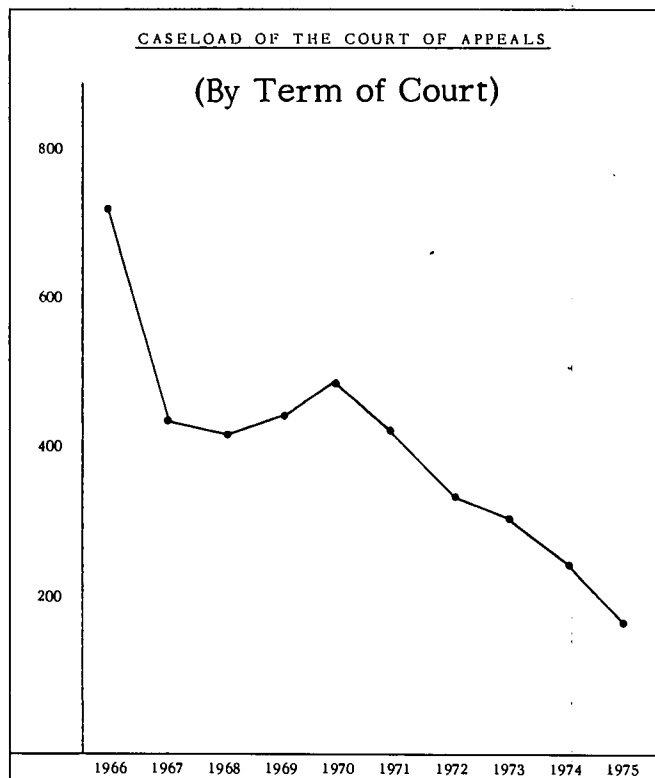
We all agree that it is of the first importance that the Committee take steps to discuss these major matters with the Bar as they progress towards completion. It appears to me that the very handsome new Maryland Bar Journal is one vehicle through which we could keep lawyers more current on Rules Committee activity, and it is possible that the Bench/Bar Committee may wish to explore this avenue.

Let me conclude on this note. It has been said that judicial and law reform is measured in terms of centuries, rather than decades. In Maryland much has been accomplished over the past ten years to improve judicial branch and legal operations. Much credit goes to Governor Mandel for his strong legislative support, to the members of the General Assembly who have proved so responsive to our requests, and in particular, to the members of this Association for your ready assistance and unswerving support.

On behalf of all the judges of Maryland, and all personnel of the judicial department, let me thank you for your kind invitation to appear before you today.

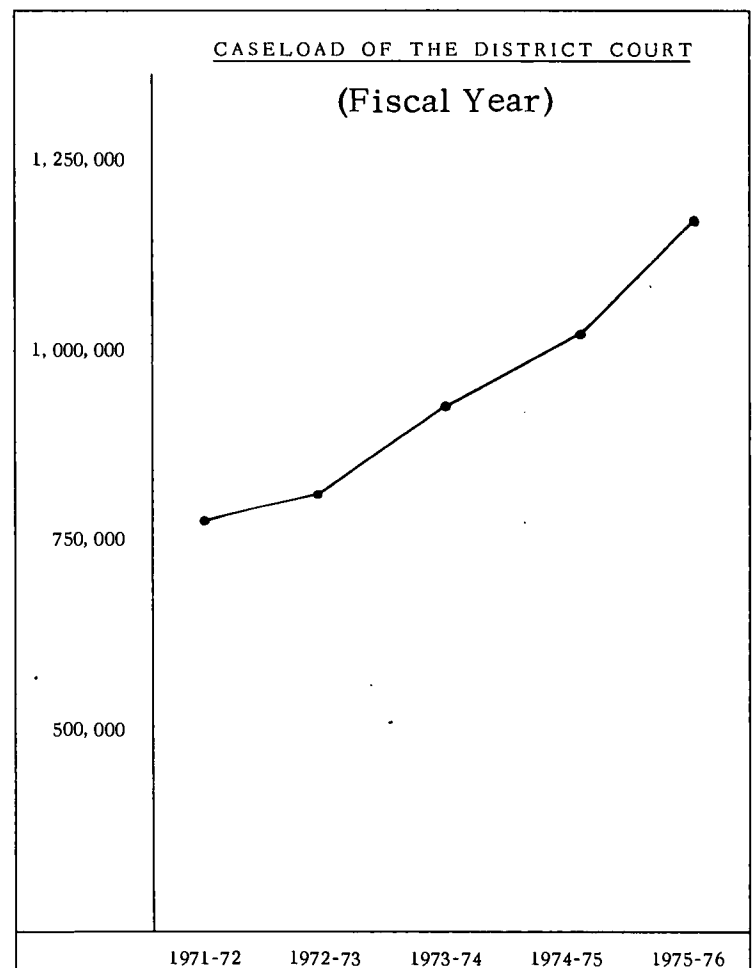
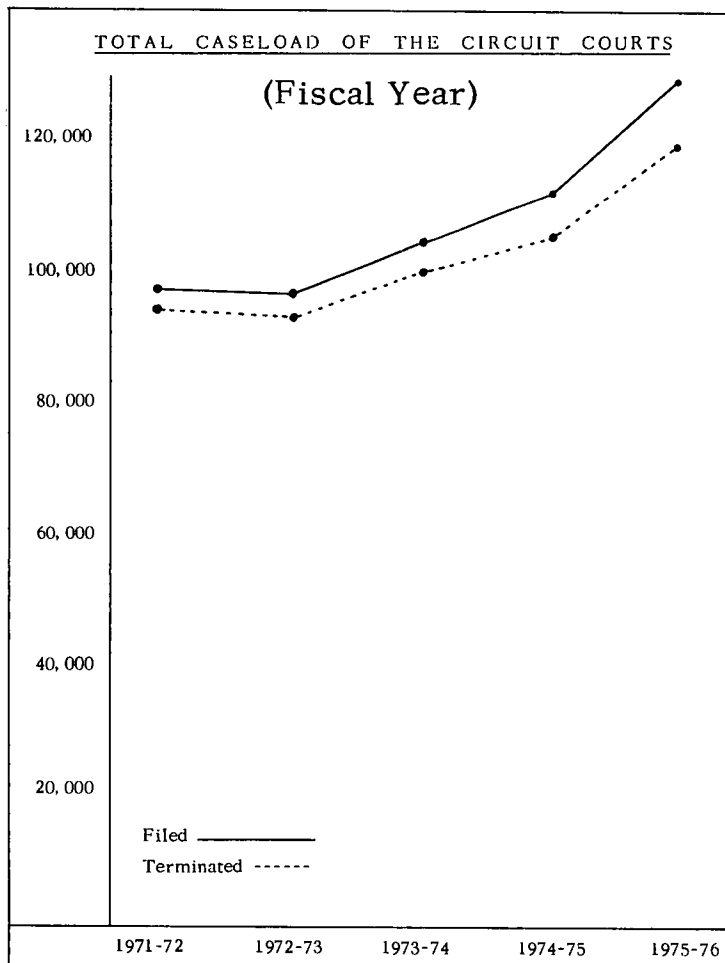
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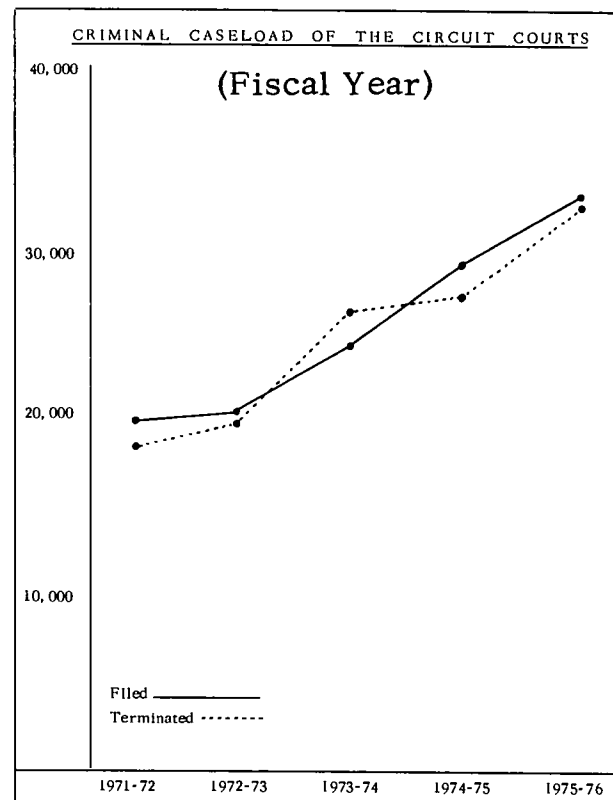
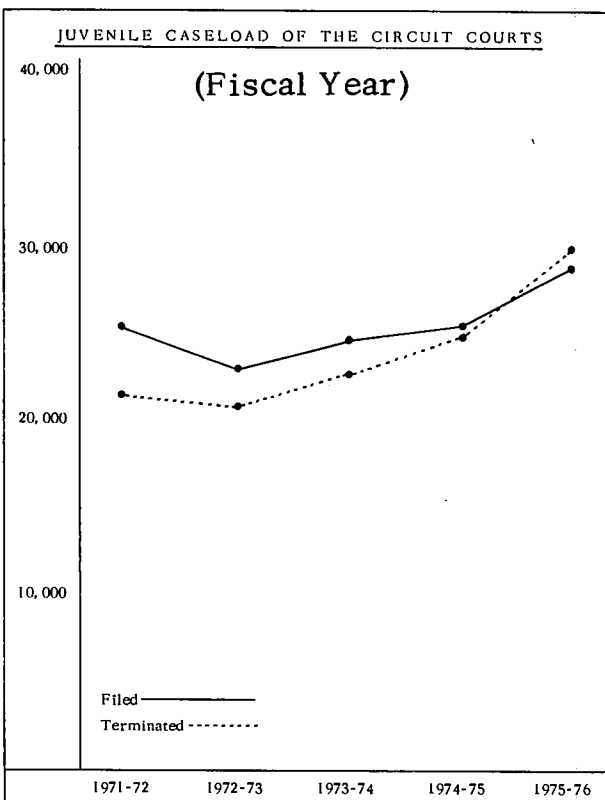
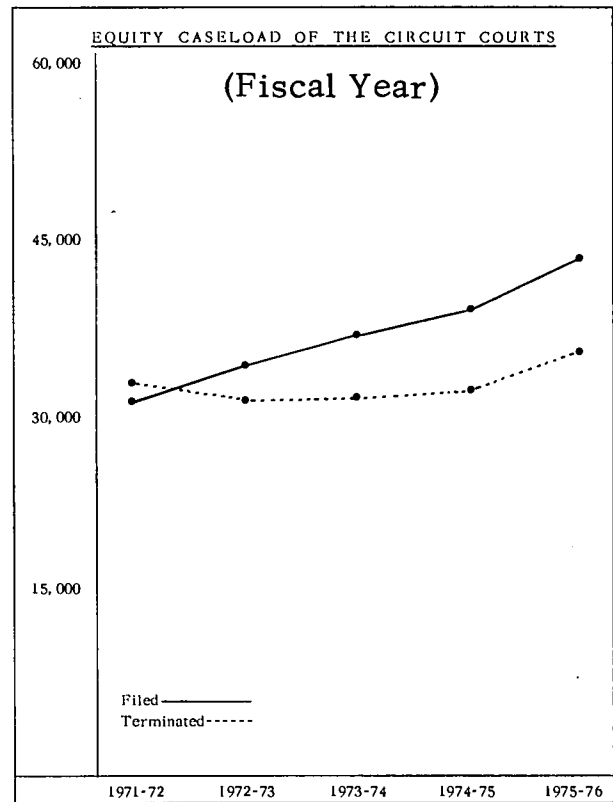
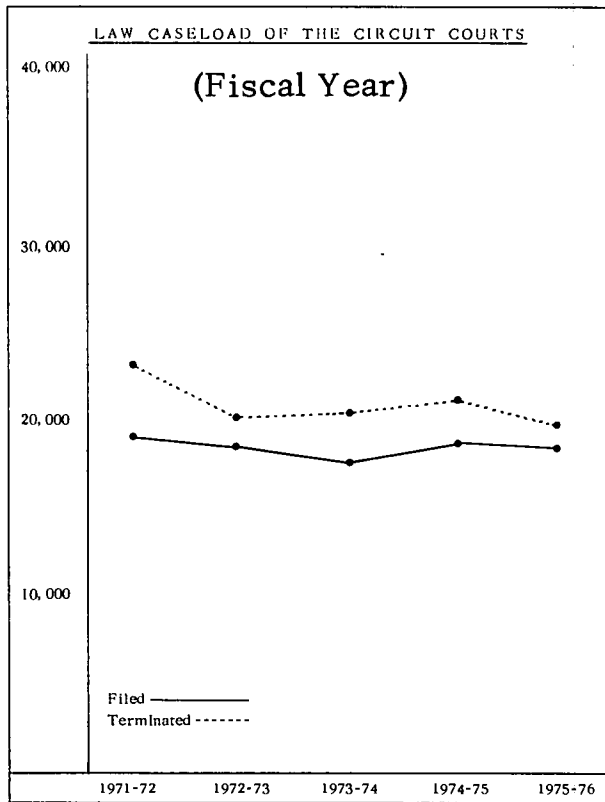
A study of the following graphs will illustrate that the caseload of the Court of Appeals of Maryland over the last several terms has been reduced to a manageable level by creation of the Court of Special Appeals in 1967. All initial appellate jurisdiction rests in that Court. The Court of Appeals, at present hearing cases only by way of certiorari, has been relieved of a massive workload and now devotes its efforts to the most important and extensive decisions. Each term of the Court of Special Appeals reflects a growing workload for its judges, who presently number twelve as compared to the original five at the Court's establishment.



The combined total of law, equity, juvenile and criminal proceedings at the circuit court level has exceeded the 100,000 figure for the last three fiscal years and numbered 124,275 for 1975-76. Law actions have shown a slight decrease over last year's figures. Equity and juvenile proceedings continue their constant climb. Criminal cases, which had also shown a decline with the establishment of the District Court, are again on the rise.

The District Court of Maryland caseload has been on a steady ascent since the establishment of that Court in 1971. For the past two years the Court has exceeded one million cases per year.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Operations of the Administrative Office

This, the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, includes statistical compilations for the fiscal year July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976. As in previous reports, while the statistical data are presented on a fiscal year basis to facilitate comparison with other years, some other materials reflect activities taking place after July 1, 1976. This is done to present the most current information possible within the framework of publication deadlines.

Reorganization of the Administrative Office

Effective July 1, 1976, there was a substantial structural reorganization of the Administrative Office. These organizational changes placed the Assistant Administrator for Reports and Records and his supporting staff directly within the office of the State Court Administrator. At the same time, four directorships were established: Director of Judicial Planning Services; Director of Judicial Education Services; Director of Judicial Administrative Services; and Director of Judicial Information Systems. The Director of Planning Services is aided by an Assistant Director while the Director of Judicial Information Systems is supported by a Deputy Director. This new structure reflects Chief Judge Murphy's continuing efforts to provide through the Administrative Office of the Courts viable administrative support for the entire judicial branch of government, at the state and local level.

These organizational improvements brought to the Administrative Office two additions to staff: Mr. Joseph Kovalevski, formerly District Court Data Director, became Deputy Director of Judicial Information Systems. Mr. Peter J. Lally, formerly of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, became Assistant Director of Judicial Planning Services. It should also be noted that earlier in the year, Ms. Deborah Unitus Bereznak joined the staff as Research Analyst.

In addition to these changes effected by the Administrative Office itself under Chief Judge Murphy's direction, the General Assembly enacted Chapter 488, Acts of 1976, transferring the employees of the Clerk's Office of the Juvenile Court in Baltimore City to the Administrative Office. These employees were formerly within the Juvenile Services Administration of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Since the effective date of that Act, Juvenile Court Administrator James Benton and his Deputy, William Howard, have been working under the direct supervision of Judge Robert Karwacki, who presides in that Court, and with Deputy State Court Administrator McKeever and Director of Judicial Information Systems Nieberding to reorganize the Juvenile Clerk's office and to enhance its operations through the implementation of an automated case processing system. Barbara Daly, Esquire, Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, has rendered material assistance in this effort.

Information Systems and ADP.

In addition to work on the development of an automated juvenile court processing system, Judicial Information Systems Director Nieberding and his

staff, Roger Pennington and John Stoltz, in close cooperation with the Annapolis Data Center and a dozen other State and City agencies, have accomplished a major upgrade of the automated case processing procedures now used in the Criminal Court of Baltimore. The judges of that court, the Administrative Office of the Supreme Bench, the Criminal Assignment Office, the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore and his deputies, the State's Attorney, the Public Defender, the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City, and the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice are among those who have made great contributions to this effort, although the list is not all-inclusive. These programs are now being run in the Annapolis Data Center and it is hoped that they will result in more effective case processing in our State's major criminal court.

Yet another example of innovation in the automation field is the development of a pilot automated traffic adjudication product by Messrs. Nieberding and Kovalevski and a team of programmer analysts headed by Terry W. Adkins. This work has been guided by a Steering Committee chaired by Chief Judge Sweeney of the District Court. After enactment of implementing legislation (Chapter 343, Acts of 1976) the pilot project was designed and will become operational in Montgomery County early in 1977. State and local police authorities and the State Motor Vehicle Administration have all played a part in this effort.

The circuit court programmer analyst team led by Mrs. Fanita Meushaw continues work in the development of an automated case processing system for

the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County and with such on-going projects as the enhancement of programs for the gathering of statistics and other management information. Work is also underway on a new approach to development of a judicial personnel allocation program.

1976 legislation (Chapter 239) also set in motion work towards the implementation of a Criminal Justice Information System. District Court Judge William Hinkel serves with Deputy State Court Administrator McKeever and Supreme Bench Administrator Selig Solomon as judicial branch representatives on a Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Board that is developing basic procedures.

Planning.

Maryland is one of several states selected by the National Center for State Courts for the development of model planning projects. Planning Director Lynch and his assistant, Mr. Lally, have been working with National Center personnel in developing a planning mechanism which will be utilized, in conjunction with the budget preparation process, for both long-term and short-term planning for the judicial branch of government. The criminal justice aspects of this planning process are also being dovetailed with the comprehensive planning process of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

The planning process to be developed will involve substantial input from the District Court and from the circuit courts. As a beginning of this coordinated effort, all State-level Federal grant applications involving the judicial branch

are being prepared in the Administrative Office of the Courts, and local Federal grant applications are reviewed in the Administrative Office subject to final action of the Chief Judge.

Judicial Education.

The judicial education program continues its growth and development. While Maryland still sends a limited number of judges to the National College of the State Judiciary and other out-of-state educational facilities, the continuing education program for all judges has remained very active and orientation for new judges, both on the bench and academic, now is an established and well-accepted procedure. The District Court conducts certain additional educational and training activities for its own personnel.

Judicial Administrative Services.

While this area of activity may seem unglamorous, the personnel and budget functions are critically important. Efforts are being made to coordinate some aspects of both District Court and AOC fiscal and personnel administration through the use of modern equipment. Judicial Administrative Services Director Hines works closely with District Court Fiscal Officer Meushaw and District Court Chief Clerk Kostritsky in these areas.

Trial Courts.

Designation of judges to fill in as needed in various trial court positions is a major function at the trial court level. In this regard, the extensive use of District Court judges in the circuit courts must be recognized as an important contribution to the continuous functioning of the circuit courts. Deputy State

Court Administrator McKeever, in conjunction with the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges, has developed a forward looking plan to enhance the assignment system for circuit court judges and this plan has substantially reduced disruption and confusion in this area.

Also of assistance has been the good work of the circuit and local administrators. These individuals have also assisted in the development of case calendaring systems, the study of the actual operation of assignment systems in various jurisdictions, and numerous other activities.

Appellate Courts.

The efficient offices of the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals render unnecessary much Administrative Office support for these courts, except in the budget and personnel areas. One matter of concern has been the rapidly increasing caseload of the Court of Special Appeals. In the Fiscal 1977 budget, the Administrative Office included funding for two professional staff members for this court. These individuals plus secretarial help are now at work screening cases, preparing memoranda, and doing other research, under the direction of Chief Judge Gilbert. Additional time will be required to determine whether this pilot program will bear fruit, but such projects have proved successful in some of the Federal courts of appeal as well as in State appellate courts.

Special Projects.

During Fiscal 1976 the National Center for State Courts conducted a study of the court reporting system in Maryland. This valuable analysis was

reviewed by an Advisory Committee chaired by Director of Planning Lynch and included judges, court reporters, lawyers, and court administrators. Final recommendations from the study have been forwarded to Chief Judge Murphy and initial implementation of some of these recommendations is anticipated in calendar 1977.

During the summer of calendar 1976, the Administrative Office conducted a highly successful internship program. This involved a candidate for the Master of Science in Judicial Administration degree, several law students, and one pre-law student. The work of the interns, some of which is still under-way, included the preparation of a Policy and Procedures Manual for the Administrative Office, work on a codification of Administrative Orders, Memoranda, and Directives; some excellent pioneering data processing work in projecting caseloads and the need for additional judges; activity designed to improve and sharpen statistical gathering procedures; and research in support of the work of the Governor's Task Force on Circuit Court Unification.

In addition to the specific projects, the interns were given a broad orientation of the Maryland judicial system, thus better equipping them for potential work within that system. Also, each intern submitted a paper discussing and evaluating the internship program. Many valuable suggestions were contained in these papers.

Constitutional Changes.

At the 1976 general election, three Constitutional amendments having an important bearing on the Maryland judicial system were ratified by the people.

Chapter 551, Acts of 1975, will apply merit selection and retention principles to the judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals. The adoption of this amendment is the result of long joint efforts by the judiciary and the Maryland State Bar Association.

Chapter 546, Acts of 1976, authorizes the adoption of implementing provisions to permit the temporary use of selected former judges for active judicial duty. This also was the result of Bar Association/Judiciary cooperation. It should add materially to the pool of available judicial manpower by permitting use of competent and carefully selected former judges to sit temporarily in the trial and appellate courts.

Chapter 542, Acts of 1976, permits the General Assembly to increase the number of circuit court judges as needed in the First and Second Judicial Circuits. Formerly, this could only be done by the cumbersome method of constitutional amendment. An immediate result of the ratification of Chapter 542 is the creation of an additional circuit court judgeship for Wicomico County by Chapter 334, Acts of 1976, which was enacted contingent upon the ratification of the Constitutional amendment.

One other Constitutional amendment was ratified that may have a marked effect on the judicial system. This was Chapter 544, Acts of 1976, authorizing the General Assembly to vest certain or all juvenile jurisdiction in the District Court on a county-by-county basis. Whether this provision will bring improvement or the opposite to our judicial system will depend upon the most close and careful analysis of specific proposals introduced under it.

One major effort for improvement of the judicial system in 1976 failed. Pursuant to the recommendations of his Task Force on Circuit Court Unification, Governor Mandel introduced legislation to consolidate the six courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Although there was virtually no opposition to the concept of consolidation of the six courts, some controversy arose from the effects of the proposals on the six court clerks' offices. A Supreme Bench consolidation bill passed each House of the legislature, but in different forms, and the end result was enactment of neither bill.

It is anticipated that the Governor's Task Force will submit new proposals in this area to the 1977 General Assembly.

Conclusion

The activities outlined above, of course, are only a few examples of the work of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the progress being made in efforts to improve the structure and functioning of the Maryland judicial system in general. These efforts are by no means the sole property of the Administrative Office. That office functions under the direction of Chief Judge Murphy, and many of the activities noted have enjoyed the benefit of the support and advice of Chief Judge Gilbert of the Court of Special Appeals, Chief Judge Sweeney of the District Court, the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges, and the various committees of the Maryland Judicial Conference.

To the extent these efforts have been successful, they have involved all elements of the judicial branch of government, the General Assembly, the organized Bar, and often agencies of the executive branch. They are

indicative of the achievement the State can realize through coordinated efforts within the Constitutional framework of separation of powers.

JUDICIAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The Judiciary Budget (which presently includes the budget of the District Court) exceeded 19 million dollars in Fiscal Year 1975-76 and will grow to slightly more than 21 million by 1976-77. Included in those figures is funding for the entire operation of the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, District Court and Administrative Office of the Courts (including the State Board of Law Examiners and Rules Committee). Annual compensation of all circuit court judges is also included within the State Judiciary Budget while the balance of the operation of the circuit courts is financed at the local level (except for four circuit court administrators and the Clerk's Office of the Juvenile Court in Baltimore City).

As can be observed from the revenue figures below, nearly all of the State Judiciary Budget for Fiscal Year 1975-76 was funded by its revenues, the vast portion of which was collected by the District Court.

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| | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> | <u>1976-77</u> |
| District Court Budget | \$12, 654, 857 | \$13, 952, 236 | \$14, 614, 705 |
| Overall Judiciary Budget (includes above figures) | 17, 792, 238 | 19, 811, 442 | 21, 045, 657 |

| | Revenue Figures | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | <u>Actual 1974-75</u> | <u>Actual 1975-76</u> | <u>Estimated 1976-77</u> |
| Court of Appeals | \$ 25, 896 | \$ 14, 876 | \$ 11, 500 |
| Court of Special Appeals | 14, 738 | 19, 052 | 23, 500 |
| State Board of Law Examiners | 114, 730 | 107, 555 | 125, 750 |
| District Court | <u>16, 922, 171</u> | <u>20, 391, 499*</u> | <u>21, 500, 000*</u> |
| Total | \$17, 077, 535 | \$20, 532, 982 | \$21, 660, 750 |

*In FY 1975-76, the District Court expended \$795, 070 in payments to various sheriffs for serving process. This sum was unappropriated and charged directly against revenues. A similar procedure will be followed in FY 1976-77.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF JUDICIAL MANPOWER TO CIRCUIT COURTS

A summary of the important matters acted upon by the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges set forth elsewhere in this Report states that the Conference unanimously recommended for adoption by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals a judicial assignment plan to provide temporary assistance to the circuit courts where judicial assistance could not be provided from within a circuit. The action, which recognizes the necessity to make the most effective use of available judicial manpower where a critical need for assistance has been determined, bears further mention.

The design of the plan reflects the assumption that the circuits with smaller caseloads should be called upon the most to provide assistance external to their circuits, recognizing, however, that shifting of judicial manpower from one circuit to another affects and slows the processing and disposition of cases in the circuit designated to provide assistance no matter how small the caseload. Likewise, any temporary assignment plan must not be considered a substitute for additional judges to meet the demands being placed on the court system. The plan's major purpose is to provide short term help where such situations as extended illness and long, unfilled vacancies impact on the ability of the court to handle the business before it.

A schedule of designated circuits was adopted and approved by the Chief Judge and is in the accompanying table. As was stated elsewhere in the report, the plan eliminates a basic decision making process; namely a

determination whether a circuit administrative judge can provide assistance to another circuit. All requests for assistance are to be supported by justification including but not limited to the number of judges to be absent, the nature and extent of the court's workload, and the impact if assistance is not provided. With this information, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals decides whether assistance should be provided pursuant to the plan. The plan as adopted designates one circuit to provide assistance during each week of a calendar year. In the event that more than one request is made for the same week by different circuits, generally the circuit that made the request first in point of time is, if the request is justified, given consideration. However, each request is thoroughly evaluated and occasionally, judicial assistance is required in addition to that which can be provided by the plan. In that event, appropriate action is taken to obtain it for the requesting circuit.

1976 TEMPORARY JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT PLAN FOR CIRCUIT COURTS

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| <u>January</u> | | <u>February</u> | |
| 5 - 9 | Second | 2 - 6 | Fourth |
| 12 - 16 | First | 9 - 13 | Sixth |
| 19 - 23 | Seventh | 16 - 20 | Fifth |
| 26 - 30 | Fifth | 23 - 27 | First |
| <u>March</u> | | <u>April</u> | |
| 1 - 5 | Second | 5 - 9 | Second |
| 8 - 12 | First | 12 - 16 | Third |
| 15 - 19 | Second | 19 - 23 | Seventh |
| 22 - 26 | Fourth | 26 - 30 | Second |
| 29 - 4/2 | First | | |
| <u>May</u> | | <u>June</u> | |
| 3 - 7 | Fifth | 7 - 11 | Fifth |
| 10 - 14 | First | 14 - 18 | First |
| 17 - 21 | Second | 21 - 25 | Fourth |
| 24 - 28 | Sixth | 28 - 7/2 | Third |
| 31 - 6/4 | Fourth | | |

July
 5 - 9 Sixth
 12 - 16 Second
 19 - 23 Seventh
 26 - 30 Fourth

August
 2 - 6 First
 9 - 13 Second
 16 - 20 Fifth
 23 - 27 Fourth
 30 - 9/3 Second

September
 6 - 10 First
 13 - 17 Fourth
 20 - 24 Third
 27 - 10/1 Second

October
 4 - 8 Fifth
 11 - 15 Seventh
 18 - 22 Fourth
 25 - 29 First

November
 1 - 5 Sixth
 8 - 12 Third
 15 - 19 Second
 22 - 26 Fourth
 29 - 12/3 Fifth

December
 6 - 10 Second
 13 - 17 First
 20 - 24 Seventh
 27 - 31 Fourth

As can be seen from the accompanying schedule, the Eighth Judicial Circuit is excluded and is not called upon to provide assistance elsewhere in the State. The need for continuing assistance to the Eighth Judicial Circuit has been identified and a District Court judge, upon the recommendation of the Chief Judge of the District Court, is designated on a continuing basis by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to this circuit to assist it in its efforts to address its very heavy caseload.

Pursuant to the authority vested in him under Article IV, Section 18A, of the Maryland Constitution, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as administrative head of the judicial system, is authorized to assign any judge to any court anywhere in the State and, during the period from January 1, 1976 through June 30, 1976, exercised this authority by designating 21 circuit court judges to sit a total of 99 judge days in circuit courts throughout

the State. The Circuit Court for Howard County was assisted on 80 of the 99 days because of a vacancy on the circuit court bench which lasted for several months before it was filled in May. The balance of assistance was provided to the Eighth Judicial Circuit (Baltimore City) and the Third Circuit (Circuit Court for Harford County).

SCHEDULE
TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF JUDICIAL MANPOWER TO THE
CIRCUIT COURTS

January - June 1976

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Circuit Assisted</u> | <u>Provided by*</u> | <u>No. of Judges</u> | <u>Judge Days</u> |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| January | Fifth (Howard), Eighth (Baltimore City) | First, Second, Seventh (2) | 4 | 19 |
| February | Fifth (Howard) Eighth (Baltimore City) | First, Fourth(2), Sixth (2) | 5 | 23 |
| March | Fifth (Howard), [Eighth (Baltimore City)] | First, Second(2), Fourth (2) | 5 | 24 |
| April | Fifth (Howard) | Second, Third, Seventh | 3 | 14 |
| May | Fifth (Howard), Third (Harford) | First, Second, Fourth, Sixth | 4 | 19 |
| Total | | | <u>21</u> | <u>99</u> |

*Some circuits provided more than one judge in the month.

Although actual utilization data is not available, District Court judges were also assigned to the circuit courts throughout the State where circuit court assistance could not be provided and as was stated above, this was the case in the Eighth Judicial Circuit where in the last fiscal year, a District Court judge was continually assigned to assist that circuit. In addition, within circuits and districts, judges at each court level were freely utilized by the respective circuit and district administrative judges, to meet day-to-day needs.

JUDICIAL PLANNING SERVICES UNIT

On July 1, 1976, the Judicial Planning Services Unit was established as a result of a functional reorganization within the Administrative Office of the Courts. Staffed by a director, an assistant, and one secretary, this unit has as its primary purpose the development of comprehensive systems approach to judicial planning. Related projects over the past six months have ranged from providing staff support to the Judicial Conference's Committee on Juvenile and Family Law to the development of an interim planning process for the Judiciary. (Note: The latter is being accomplished in concert with the Executive Planning Process which is required of other governmental agencies by the Department of State Planning.)

The Judicial Planning Services Unit is also responsible for the overall administration and monitoring of LEAA Grant Programs. Listed below is a description of current federally funded programs which are now in existence along with a list of those projects which are expected to be supported in the upcoming calendar year 1977.

A. CURRENT FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS - TOTAL \$640,138

1. Maryland Trial Judge's Benchbook
\$46,676 (LEAA Funds)*

This grant to the Administrative Office of the Courts provides staff and other resources for the production of a "Benchbook" for the judges of the

*All LEAA Funds are awarded by the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

trial courts. The final product should provide a much needed basic research document to assist the trial judges in the performance of their duties. Expected completion date of this effort should be near June of 1977.

2. Judicial Education - Resident Courses
\$11,629 (LEAA Funds)

This project provides out-of-state residential educational programs at the National College of the State Judiciary. This is part of an overall approach to expose the trial judges to an extended academic program. In 1976, five judges were selected for this training.

3. Orientation Training for New Judges
\$7,505 (LEAA Funds)

This program provides orientation for all judges who have been appointed. This orientation consists of familiarization with all aspects of the justice system, provision of resources materials and basic informational literature and three 2 1/2 day educational seminars on topics such as, administration, ethics, jury trials, arrest, search and seizure, evidence and sentencing. This second year grant will provide orientation for 19 judges appointed during the past year.

4. Court Management Training
\$17,700 (LEAA Funds)

This grant provides funds for up to 14 weeks of residential training for State and Circuit Administrative staff at programs offered by the Institute for Court Management. Specialized courses in calendar management, budget and personnel administration, information systems, records management, and

modern managerial concepts are among the courses available through this program.

5. Training (Procedure and Administration) Circuit Clerks
\$7, 888 (LEAA Funds)

This will provide up to 42 contact hours of training in judicial administration and management theory and up to 14 contact hours on the Maryland Rules of Procedure to personnel from the twenty-nine circuit clerks' offices throughout the State. This second year program is being conducted through the cooperation of the University of Maryland Court Management Institute and the Maryland Court Clerks' Association with the Administrative Office of the Courts as the sponsoring agency.

6. Planning Unit - Judiciary
\$38, 551 (LEAA Funds)

Through two additional staff positions in the Administrative Office of the Courts, this project is initiating a first attempt to develop a comprehensive State plan for the judiciary (see above for description). It is expected that once accomplished, this plan will serve as a basis for measuring the effectiveness of ongoing Judicial Programs.

7. Metropolitan Regional Circuit Court Information System
\$247, 500 (LEAA Funds)

This project is developmental in nature and would design a system to integrate the flow of information between Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County. The system would provide optional court

scheduling and active, on-line participation with the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System.

8. Anne Arundel County Judicial Information System
\$55,550 (LEAA Funds)

This project is designed to demonstrate the feasibility of a design for a metropolitan county case scheduling system for use in jurisdictions surrounding the City of Baltimore. It is a module of both a regional case scheduling system and the Statewide Judicial Information System.

9. Maryland Judicial Information System - Phase III
\$32,480 (LEAA Funds)

This project represents third year funding of an automated statistical gathering system and provides current management information to the Administrative Office of the Courts and case analysis support to the reporting jurisdictions. Maximum accuracy of data outputs and development of criminal justice information system collection formats for the anticipated 19 circuit court users of this system are anticipated during this phase of operation. Previous phases have concentrated on the developmental stages of this system and the creation of case flow management statistics.

10. Maryland Judicial Personnel Allocation System
\$52,800 (LEAA Funds)

This project is designed to provide the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals with concise and accurate information concerning the individual workload posture of each circuit court judge. The system will also provide updated schedules of retirement, election and reappointment for all judges.

The prime objective of this project is to enable the Chief Judge to allocate his judicial resources in an efficient manner. Sampling techniques will be used for the second phase of this program's operation.

11. Court Management Interns
\$9,328 (LEAA Funds)

During the summer months of 1976, the Administrative Office of the Courts through this program endeavor was able to employ five summer interns for the completion of select special assignments. The following list indicates some of the activities pursued under this program by the interns:

- (A) The development of an "in-house" Policy and Procedures Manual for the Administrative Office of the Courts;
- (B) The codification of all administrative orders and memoranda;
- (C) Monitoring of Monthly Statistical Reports;
- (D) Staff assistance to the Task Force on Circuit Court Consolidation; and
- (E) Forecasting techniques for case filings in the Circuit Courts.

12. Circuit Court Clerk Manual
\$14,850 (LEAA Funds)

This project is being undertaken to develop a uniform procedure manual for the 29 separate Circuit Clerks' Offices throughout the State. The subject areas scheduled for inclusion within this manual are: Administration, Criminal, Equity, Civil Law, Appeals, License Recordation and Juvenile Law.

13. Court Reporter's Training
\$7,681 (LEAA Funds)

One three day seminar was conducted for court reporters last year and it is expected this program will again be scheduled in calendar year 1977.

14. Juvenile Court's Automated Administrative Support System
\$90,000 (LEAA Funds)

This project coincides with the reorganization of the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office in Baltimore City. Aimed at improved efficiency within the court system, it is the purpose of this program to implement a data support system to aid in the management and control of cases going through the Baltimore City Juvenile Courts.

B. PROJECTS ANTICIPATING FEDERAL FUNDING IN 1977

The Administrative Office of the Courts has submitted its Annual Action Plan to the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. Approval for this plan has been obtained in the amount of \$409,700 in federal funds.

Many of the projects include the refunding of 1976 programs explained in Section A which are:

| <u>Project Title</u> | <u>LEAA Funds</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Judicial Education - Resident Course | \$ 9,500 |
| 2. New Judge Orientation | 6,000 |
| 3. Court Management Training | 23,000 |
| 4. Maryland Judicial Personnel Allocation System | 30,000 |
| 5. Court Management Interns | 9,300 |
| 6. Clerks Training | 19,000 |
| 7. Court Reporter Training | 7,700 |
| 8. Anne Arundel Judicial Information System | 50,000 |
| 9. Juvenile Court Automated Administrative Support System | 55,000 |
| 10. Planning Unit - Judiciary | 57,500* |

*NOTE: This project reflects an expansion over the 1976 level of funding so that research assistance can be provided in the Judicial Planning Unit.

Federal LEAA Funds would also be requested for the additional new programs listed below:

1. Judicial Education and Training Unit
\$21,000 (LEAA Funds)

This project would provide an additional staff assistant to the Judicial Education Services Unit of the Administrative Office of the Courts. It is anticipated that this individual would be able to develop both short and long range training objectives for the judiciary as well as be involved in the creation of model curriculum development.

2. District Court Criminal Disposition Reporting System
\$55,000 (LEAA Funds)

This ten month project will be designed to enhance the statistical/analytical information available on cases disposed within District Courts by eliminating many manually prepared reports. Additionally, it is envisioned that this grant will facilitate the transfer of certain specific aspects of criminal case histories to the State's central repository in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. By providing this essential information, it is expected that the District Court will be able to meet the requirements of recently enacted law regarding the development of a state Criminal Justice Information System.

3. District Court Training
\$4,700 (LEAA Funds)

This project would enable District Court judges to attend out-of-state training courses sponsored by the National College of State Trial Judges. Presently, up to four judges are expected to attend in 1977.

4. Study and Development of Judicial Branch Personnel
\$62,000 (LEAA Funds)

This project will consist of a comprehensive study of the existing personnel system for the judicial branch of government at the State and local level. It will include a study of problems confronting the Appellate, Circuit and District Courts in the area of personnel policies, salary scales, and job classifications which vary greatly among various court operations.

THE STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

The members of the State Board of Law Examiners are Vincent L. Gingerich, Esquire of Montgomery County, Chairman, Charles H. Dorsey, Jr., Esquire of Baltimore City and Dorothy H. Thompson, Esquire of Talbot County. The Secretary to the Board is John E. Boerner, Esquire of Baltimore City. The Board and its administrative staff administer bar examinations twice annually during the last weeks of February and July. Each is a two-day examination with six hours of testing per day.

Commencing with the Summer 1972 Examination, pursuant to rules adopted by the Court of Appeals, the Board adopted and has used as part of the overall examination the Multistate Bar Examination. This is the nationally recognized law examination consisting of multiple-choice type questions and answers, prepared and graded under the direction of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The MBE test now occupies the second day of the examination with the first day devoted to the traditional essay examination, prepared and graded by the Board.

The MBE test has been adopted and now used in forty-four jurisdictions. It is a six hour test which originally covered five subjects: Contracts, Criminal Law, Evidence, Real Property and Torts. A sixth subject, Constitutional Law, was added commencing with the February 1976 Examination with the time remaining the same.

Pursuant to the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, the subjects covered by the Board's test (essay examination) shall be within but need not include all of the following subject areas: Agency; Business Associations; Commercial

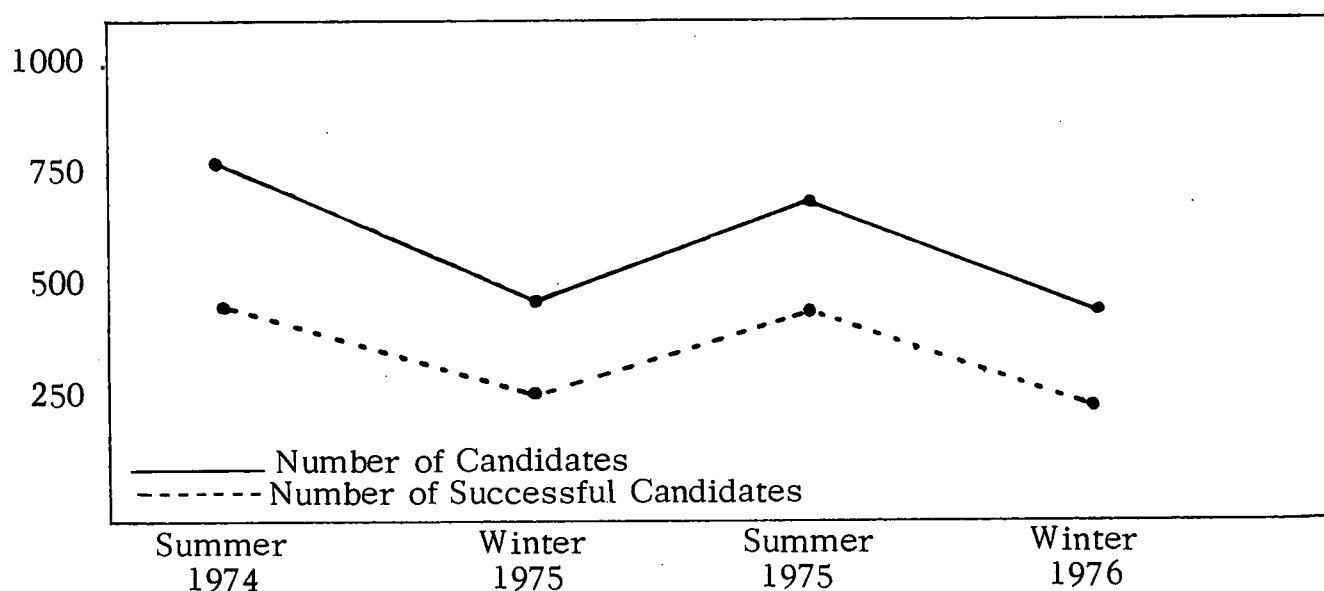
Transactions; Constitutional Law; Contracts; Criminal Law and Procedure; Evidence; Maryland Civil Procedure; Property; and Torts. Single questions may encompass more than one subject-area and subjects are not specifically labeled on the examination paper.

The results of examinations given during 1975-76 were as follows:

| <u>EXAMINATION</u> | <u>NUMBER OF CANDIDATES</u> | <u>CANDIDATES PASSING FIRST TIME</u> | <u>TOTAL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| SUMMER 1975 (July) | 728 | 382 (68%) * | 413 (57%) |
| Graduates University of Baltimore | 230 | 51 (43%) * | 70 (30%) |
| Graduates University of Maryland | 191 | 138 (77%) * | 141 (74%) |
| Graduates Out of State Law Schools | 307 | 193 (74%) * | 202 (66%) |
| WINTER 1976 (February) | 465 | 115 (56%) * | 198 (43%) |
| Graduates University of Baltimore | 241 | 45 (50%) * | 82 (34%) |
| Graduates University of Maryland | 58 | 8 (50%) * | 31 (53%) |
| Graduates Out of State Law Schools | 166 | 62 (63%) * | 85 (51%) |

* Percentages based upon number of first time candidates.

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AND NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES



In addition to administering two examinations per year, the Board also processes applications for admission filed under Rule 14 which governs out-of-state attorney applicants. During the period July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976, the Board received 54 applications under Rule 14 and 45 applicants were recommended for admission to the Bar within this period.

A significant revision to Rule 14 was made in February 1976. Previously, applicants who met all essential requirements under the Rule were admitted without examination or on motion. By order of the Court of Appeals of February 5, 1976, it adopted a revised Rule 14 which provides that out-of-state lawyer applicants for admission, in addition to other requirements, must take and pass an attorney examination. It has been further provided that the examination is an essay type test limited in scope and subject matter to the rules in Maryland which govern practice and procedure in civil and criminal cases and also the

Code of Professional Responsibility. The test is of three hours duration and is to be given on the first day (essay part) of the regularly scheduled Bar examination. This out-of-state attorney examination was administered for the first time on the last Tuesday in July 1976.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

The Rules Committee was highly productive during the 1975-76 Fiscal Year, as reflected by six separate Reports to the Court of Appeals. Five two-day meetings were held in September, November, February, April, May and June; and one day meetings were held in July, October, December, January and March.

The Committee's 50th Report to the Court of Appeals recommended proposed rules and forms for the expungement of records, while the 51st Report recommended redesignation of Rule 1232 (Disposition of Records) as Rule 1299 and adoption of certain new Maryland District Rules and amendments relating to small claims. The 52nd Report recommended amendments relating to process, pleading, discovery and the non-citation of unreported opinions, whereas the 53rd Report comprised the long-awaited revision of Chapter 700 (Criminal Causes) of both the Maryland Rules and the Maryland District Rules.

The 54th Report proposed amendments modernizing Rule 8 (Time--Computation--Sunday and Holiday) to include Saturdays; the adoption of a new Rule 1219 (Notice of Orders), and the amendment of Form 14 b. (Third Party Claim--Automobile), while the 55th Report recommended the adoption, as an emergency rule change, of a revision of Subtitle BG Rules (Mechanics' Lien--Enforcement), as necessitated by the enactment of Chapter 349, Acts of 1976.

During the forthcoming year, the Committee expects to recommend the revision of the Chapter 900 (Juvenile Causes) interim rules, adoption of bail

bond rules and forms, deletion of circuit and local rules, and amendment of Rule 542 (Removal). Other projects the Committee is currently working on include the revision of the Maryland District Rules and Chapter 1300 (Appeals from the District Court); statewide probate rules; the revision of Rule 209 (Class Actions); the revision of Part II of Chapter 1200 (Court Administration); Maryland Rules of Evidence; the merger of the law and equity rules; and a new rule on attorney competency.

Rules Committee membership is currently as follows:

Hon. Kenneth C. Proctor, Chairman

Hon. Robert H. Bouse

Hon. John F. McAuliffe

Prof. Robert R. Bowie

George W. McManus, Jr., Esquire

Albert D. Brault, Esquire

Herbert Myerberg, Esquire

Hon. Clayton C. Carter

Paul V. Niemeyer, Esquire

Hon. John P. Corderman

Hon. Joseph E. Owens

Leo William Dunn, Jr., Esquire

Russell R. Reno, Jr., Esquire

John O. Herrmann, Esquire

Lawrence F. Rodowsky, Esquire

Hon. Frederick W. Invernizzi

Hon. David Ross

Alexander G. Jones, Esquire

Neil Tabor, Esquire

Dean Michael J. Kelly

William Walsh, Esquire

James J. Lombardi, Esquire

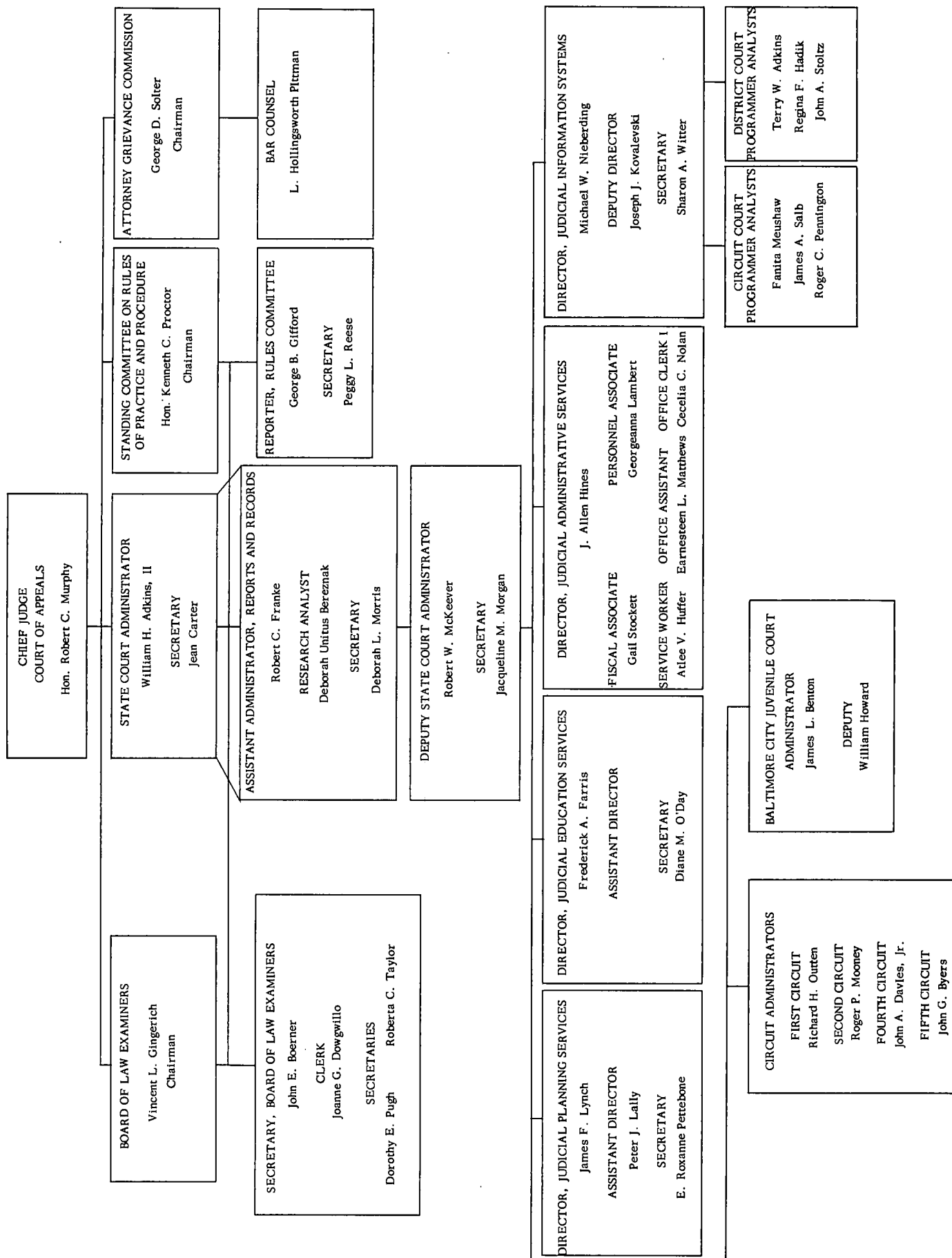
Alan M. Wilner, Esquire

Henry R. Lord, Esquire

George B. Gifford, Esquire, Reporter

Prof. Bernard Auerbach, Assistant Reporter

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II

JUDICIAL CONFERENCES AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION

THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

Between annual meetings, the Maryland Judicial Conference continues to play a very active role in the judicial sphere, both in the area of continuing judicial education and in the area of committee activities. Committees of the Conference function on a year-round basis and include, in addition to an Executive Committee, those pertaining to legislation, juvenile and family law, criminal law, corrections, free press/fair trial, judicial education, judicial ethics, juror orientation and law day. In addition, pursuant to action of the Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Maryland State Bar Association, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in his role as Chairman of the Conference, has appointed seven members of the judiciary to a Bench/Bar Committee. That committee is composed of judges and practicing attorneys, representing each appellate judicial circuit who will work on problems of mutual concern to the bench and bar.

The Committee on Judicial Education and Training has assumed responsibility for the academic program, which consumes most of the session time, at the annual meeting of the Maryland Judicial Conference. That program, held during the thirty-first annual meeting on April 22, 23 and 24, 1976 focused upon the areas of criminal and constitutional law. The next meeting of the Conference will be held on April 28, 29 and 30, 1977 at the Hilton Inn in Baltimore County. At the annual meeting on April 24, 1976, the Conference

adopted a long-term master plan for judicial education. That plan involves five aspects:

In-state orientation for new judges;

In-state continuing education for all judges;

Out-of-state training for new judges;

Out-of-state training for all judges; and

The encouragement of independent study.

In accordance with this plan new members of the judiciary receive both on-the-bench training and participate in orientation seminars, while all members of the judiciary attend judicial education seminars, the latter of which are planned for three-day sessions in January, February, and March of 1977.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE TRIAL JUDGES

The 1976 session of the National Conference of State Trial Judges was held August 5-9 at Atlanta, Georgia. Official delegates attending from Maryland were Circuit Court Judges Richard M. Pollitt and Robert E. Clapp, Jr. The third delegate, Judge James W. Murphy, was not able to attend. The present delegates to the Conference are Judges Pollitt, Clapp and Perry G. Bowen, Jr.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SPECIAL COURT JUDGES

The 1976 session of the National Conference of Special Court Judges was held on August 5-9 at Atlanta, Georgia. District Court Administrative Judges William T. Evans and Edward O. Thomas attended the Conference as delegates from Maryland.

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE JUDICIARY

Five circuit court judges attended the 1976 basic four week session of the National College of the State Judiciary at Reno, Nevada. Maryland has graduated forty-eight judges from the college, forty of whom are presently serving on the Bench. The graduates and their years of attendance follow.

Those no longer on the bench are indicated (*).

1964

Hon. William B. Bowie

Hon. Harry E. Dyer, Jr.*

1965

Hon. Robert E. Clapp, Jr.

1966

Hon. T. Hunt Mayfield*
Hon. George B. Rasin, Jr.

Hon. Plummer M. Shearin
Hon. Edward O. Weant, Jr.

1967

Hon. E. Mackall Childs
Hon. Harry E. Clark
Hon. Irving A. Levine
Hon. H. Kemp MacDaniel
Hon. Joseph M. Mathias

Hon. Robert B. Mathias*
Hon. Samuel W. H. Meloy
Hon. Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr.
Hon. John P. Moore
Hon. Paul T. Pitcher*

1968

Hon. Albert P. Close
Hon. Thomas J. Curley

Hon. Thomas J. Kenney*
Hon. H. Kenneth Mackey

1969

Hon. W. Harvey Beardmore
Hon. Bruce C. Williams

Hon. David Ross

1970

Hon. Joseph C. Howard

1971

Hon. Samuel W. Barrick
Hon. Solomon Liss

Hon. J. Albert Roney, Jr.
Hon. James L. Wray

1972

Hon. Walter H. Moorman*

1973

Hon. David L. Cahoon
Hon. Marshall A. Levin
Hon. Joseph A. Mattingly

Hon. William H. McCullough
Hon. Paul W. Ottinger
Hon. James A. Wise*

1974

Hon. Frank E. Cicone
Hon. John F. McAuliffe

Hon. Philip M. Fairbanks

1975

Hon. Karl F. Biener*
Hon. Edward D. Higinbotham

Hon. Richard B. Latham
Hon. Morris Turk

1976

Hon. Mary Arabian
Hon. George W. Bowling
Hon. Jacob S. Levin

Hon. Charles E. Edmondson
Hon. Martin B. Greenfeld

MARYLAND COURT CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

The twenty-first annual convention of the Maryland Court Clerks' Association was held September 9, 10, and 11, 1976 at Ocean City. The Association held educational seminars on Fiscal Administration at College Park, March 2, 3, and 4, 1976, and March 16, 17, and 18, 1976. Seminars on the Maryland Rules of Procedure were held in College Park on February 18 and 19, 1976, and

February 25 and 26, 1976. Present officers of the organization are Robert H. Bouse, President; A. James Smith, First Vice President; Dorothy B. Kucher, Second Vice President; Helen Alban, Secretary; and Mildred C. Butler, Treasurer.

THE CONFERENCE OF CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES

The Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges is established under the authority of Maryland Rule 1207 and the Circuit Administrative Judges of the eight judicial circuits comprise its membership. Pursuant to Rule 1207c, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals designates one of its members as Chairman.

During the last fiscal year its membership included:

Honorable George B. Rasin, Jr., Chairman, Second Circuit
Honorable Matthew S. Evans, Fifth Circuit
Honorable Ernest A. Loveless, Jr., Seventh Circuit
Honorable Joseph M. Mathias, Sixth Circuit
Honorable Richard M. Pollitt, First Circuit
Honorable Kenneth C. Proctor, Third Circuit
Honorable Irvine H. Rutledge, Fourth Circuit
Honorable Anselm Sodaro, Eighth Circuit

Some of the important matters considered and acted on by the Conference during the past year included:

1. Increased Participation by the District Court in Conference Activities

The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals, and the Chief Judge of the District Court have, for some years, participated to the extent possible in Conference activities. Early in Fiscal 1976, the Conference decided that it would be valuable to have even more District Court participation, in order to encourage further coordinated activity by the two trial courts. As a result, two District Court Administrative Judges designated by Chief Judge Murphy, upon the recommendation of Chief Judge Sweeney of the District Court, actively parti-

cipated and made a meaningful contribution in many areas of Conference discussion. Hon. Edward F. Borgerding, Administrative Judge, District 1 (Baltimore City); and Hon. J. Thomas Nissel, Administrative Judge, District 10 (Carroll and Howard Counties) were selected.

2. Temporary Assignment of Judicial Manpower to Circuit Courts

Recognizing the need that temporary judicial manpower assistance to the circuit courts be provided from time to time, the Conference recommended to Chief Judge Murphy the adoption of the Temporary Judicial Assignment Plan that became effective January 1, 1976. Efforts to meet this need have been made in the past years but the Conference considered it essential to structure and establish a formal plan and procedure for providing assistance to a circuit when it is determined that the need cannot be met from within. The plan reflects a basic consideration that the assignment of judicial manpower from outside certain circuits will continue to be required and as adopted, eliminates a basic decision making process; namely, a determination by a Circuit Administrative Judge whether external assistance can be provided to another circuit. The Circuit Administrative Judge is responsible for assigning the judge to be in readiness in the event that a justified request is made. The plan as adopted establishes, for calendar years 1976, 1977 and beyond, the particular circuit to provide assistance. Chief Judge Murphy, pursuant to the authority vested in him under Article IV, Section 18A of the Maryland Constitution, designates the circuit court judge to the requesting circuit. The extent to which the Chief Judge has exercised this authority is reported elsewhere in this report.

3. Court Rules

a. Bail Procedures

The Conference recognized a need for uniform rules and procedures regarding the action the circuit courts and the District Court should take when bondsmen or bonding companies fail to comply with terms or conditions of bonds, namely, produce a defendant when required and unanimously agreed to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals. Proposed rules have been submitted to the Court of Appeals for its consideration and adoption.

b. Advice to Defendant - Retention of Counsel - Waiver

The Conference considered the desirability of adopting a uniform procedure for the circuit courts and District Court concerning (1) the advice that should be given a defendant on the issue of retention of counsel and (2) the action to take when a defendant fails to engage an attorney by a scheduled appearance date in court. Defendants all too frequently appear without counsel and are granted postponements. The Conference agreed it essential that a complete record of court action be made in the District and circuit court and strongly recommended that the Court of Appeals adopt rules regarding these two issues.

c. Probation - Issuance of Warrant on Alleged Violation - Judge to Preside at Hearing

The Conference recommended to the Court of Appeals the adoption of a rule that would permit any judge to issue a bench warrant to

bring a probationer before the court, not just the one who placed him on probation. It also recommended the adoption of a rule which would provide that unless specifically requested by the sentencing circuit court judge, that all hearings on alleged violations of probation be referred to him, any judge designated by the County Administrative Judge can preside over a hearing.

4. Adoption of Uniform Procedures

The Conference felt it essential to recommend the adoption of uniform state-wide procedures on various aspects of court administration. The Conference worked closely with the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals by supporting his recommendations for improvement of the court system in Maryland.

a. Uniform Procedures for Orientation of Newly-Appointed Trial Court Judges

The Conference members were requested to support, participate in, and supervise the orientation program for newly-appointed trial court judges developed by the Committee on Judicial Education of the Maryland Judicial Conference and adopted by the Chief Judge on September 17, 1975, effective October 1, 1975.

b. Submission of Federally Funded Grant Requests Within the Judicial Branch

The Conference considered and unanimously approved an Administrative Order adopted by the Chief Judge on September 9, 1975 setting forth uniform procedures to be followed for submission of grant proposals for federally funded projects within the Judicial Branch.

c. Adoption of Uniform Transcript Format and Rate for Court Reporters

For several years the Conference had considered the need to establish a uniform state-wide format and rate for transcripts originating out of the circuit courts. This year the Conference acted and strongly supported the adoption of an Administrative Order establishing uniformity in these two areas of court reporting, effective January 1, 1976.

d. Uniform Guidelines with Respect to Supervision of Cases Involving Fines, Costs, Restitution, and Attorney Fees

Confronted with a lack of guidelines and action by courts and the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation in properly supervising cases involving the collection of fines, costs, restitution, and attorney fees, the Conference and the District Court worked closely with the Division in a joint effort to develop guidelines in this important area of court administration. They were approved by the Chief Judge in June of 1976 for immediate implementation.

e. Uniform Procedures - Phraseology on Commitments - Credit Against Sentence for Time Spent in Custody

The Conference recommended for adoption an Administrative Order establishing uniform procedures on the manner in which credit against a sentence for time spent in pre-sentence custody is to be reflected on commitments to the Division of Correction and thus carry out the legal mandate of Article 27, Section 638C. The Chief Judge approved and adopted the Conference's recommendations by an Administrative Order effective May 1, 1976.

f. Uniform Procedures - Fixing Responsibility to Produce Defendant in Custody of Sheriff, Warden, or Superintendent Outside Jurisdiction in Which Matter is Pending

The Conference was confronted with the question whether a writ should issue in every case and to whom to produce a defendant in the custody of a sheriff, warden, or superintendent outside the jurisdiction in which the trial is pending as opposed to the situation where he is located within the jurisdiction. Uncertainty as to who is responsible for producing him in court, prompted the Conference to act and, by consensus, recommend that a writ should issue in all cases regardless of the defendant's location and that responsibility for producing him should be on the sheriff, warden, or superintendent who has custody. Of course, the Conference recognizes the need for flexibility and accommodation to meet special circumstances.

5. Legislation

a. Execution Against Property for Restitution to Injured Party

The Conference again recommended and urged legislation to amend Article 27, Section 637 (Chapter 740, Acts of 1975) which limits discretion of the trial judge in defining the terms and means of enforcing restitution or reparation by the offender. However, the 1976 General Assembly failed to pass any legislation in this regard.

b. Probation Prior to Judgment

The Conference discussed in depth the 1975 amendment to Article 27, Section 641 (Chapter 527, Acts of 1975) which requires a determination of guilt, staying the entering of judgment, and deferring

further proceedings when placing a defendant on probation under this section. It considered the issues as to whether the determination of guilt requires the entry of a verdict of guilty and the permissible conditions of probation.

Legislation was recommended to solve the problem about the entry of a verdict in this type of case. In addition, the Conference was of the opinion that the statute permits the imposition of court costs and restitution but prohibits a pecuniary penalty of any kind, and urged legislation to permit imposition of any other condition of probation. The 1976 General Assembly did not amend the section concerning the entry of a verdict but did amend it by specifying certain permissible conditions of probation.

c. Presentence Investigation

The Conference considered the necessity of presentence investigations in every criminal case and went on record as unanimously in opposition to any legislation that would mandate such action. Chapter 118, Maryland Laws of 1976, requires a presentence investigation of every defendant convicted of a felony in the circuit courts of the State "unless the court specifically orders to the contrary in a particular case".

Many other matters of concern to the circuit courts and the District Court were identified and discussed which involved the entire spectrum of judicial administration. It was a mutual exchange of concerns inviting the participation of other segments and officials of the State government which clearly demonstrates the vital role the Conference can and will play as a vehicle to improve the court system in Maryland.

III

THE COURT OF APPEALS

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

CHIEF JUDGE

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Qualified*</u> |
| Hon. Robert C. Murphy | 8/11/72** |

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Hon. Frederick J. Singley, Jr. | 10/25/67 |
| Hon. Marvin H. Smith | 5/20/68 |
| Hon. J. Dudley Digges | 12/01/69*** |
| Hon. Irving A. Levine | 9/26/72*** |
| Hon. John C. Eldridge | 1/07/74 |
| Hon. Charles E. Orth, Jr. | 6/08/76** |

* Initially qualified to Court.

** Previously served on Court of Special Appeals.

*** Previously served at Circuit Court Level.

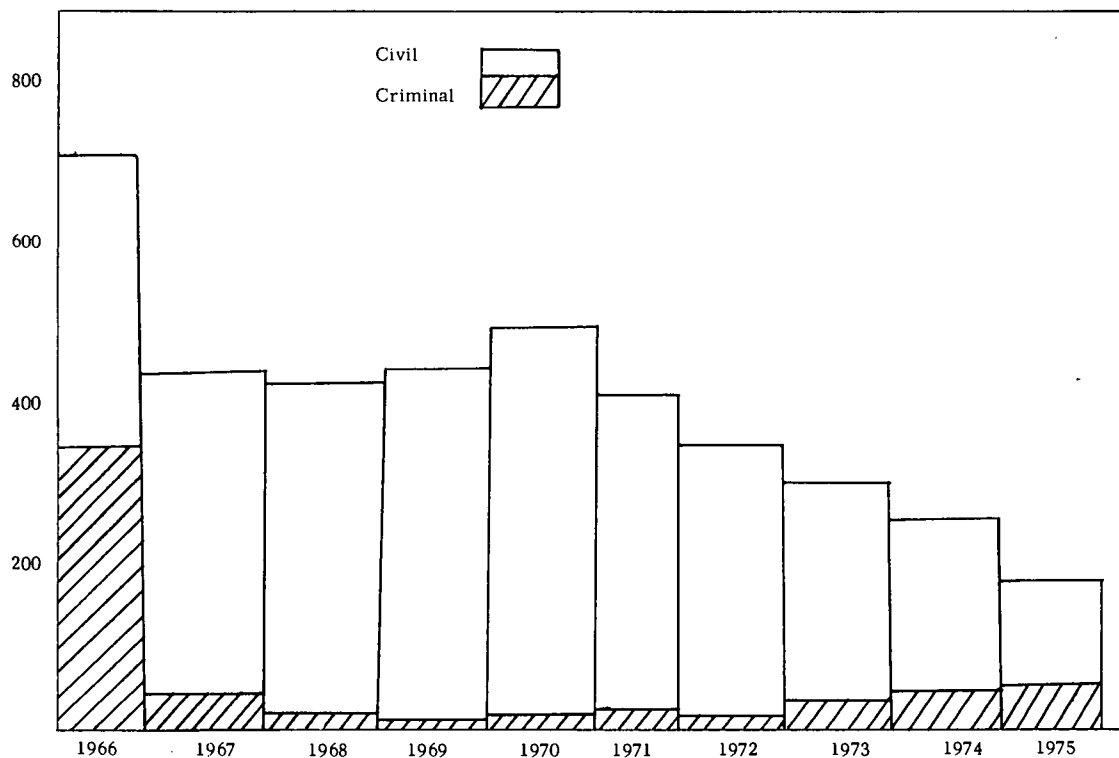
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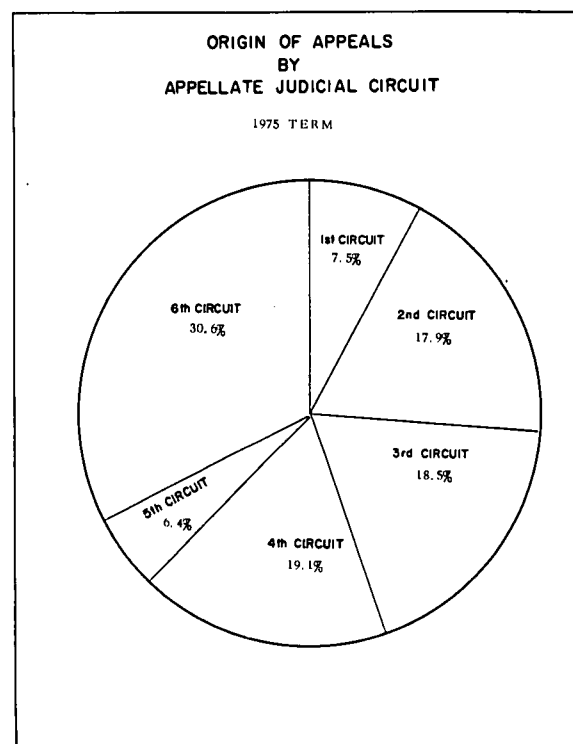
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Joseph L. DiSaia

APPEALS DOCKETED BY TERM



| CASES DISMISSED PRIOR TO ARGUMENT OR SUBMISSION | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Term</u> | <u>Filed</u> | <u>Dismissed</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
| 1966 | 714 | 118 | 16.5 |
| 1967 | 435 | 119 | 27.4 |
| 1968 | 411 | 139 | 33.8 |
| 1969 | 437 | 128 | 29.3 |
| 1970 | 489 | 116 | 23.7 |
| 1971 | 403 | 106 | 26.3 |
| 1972 | 348 | 79 | 22.7 |
| 1973 | 304 | 60 | 19.7 |
| 1974 | 250 | 40 | 16.0 |
| 1975 | 173 | 13 | 7.5 |



During the year July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976, the Court of Appeals of Maryland had 200 appeals before it for consideration on its regular docket. Most of those appeals had come to the Court by way of writ of certiorari to the Court of Special Appeals after decision there, or upon the Court's own initiative prior to consideration by the Court of Special Appeals. Two appeals were advanced from the 1976 Term docket and heard in 1975-76, while 173 appeals were from the 1975 Term docket. The balance of 25 were pending from the 1974 Term docket. Effective January 1, 1975, the Court of Appeals has seen its docket reduced by the transfer of all initial appellate jurisdiction to the Court of Special Appeals. As a result, the Court of Appeals has been able to devote its efforts to those legal questions of greatest significance.

Dismissals no longer play a major role in reducing the docket of the Court as only thirteen were recorded on the 1975 Term docket. A study of the tabulation of dismissals prior to argument will reflect that at one point in time they

| | RELATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF APPEALS | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | October Term 1955 | September Term 1973 | September Term 1974 | September Term 1975 |
| Metropolitan Counties | 39.6 | 49.3 | 50.8 | 46.8 |
| Baltimore City | 44.9 | 27.3 | 24.8 | 30.6 |
| Other 19 Counties | 15.5 | 23.4 | 24.4 | 22.6 |

exceeded one-third of the docket and were quite effective in reducing the workload of the Court.

Forty-one (23.7 percent) of the 173 appeals on the 1975 docket were criminal in nature while 92 (53.2 percent) were in the law area. Equity matters accounted for the remaining 40 (23.1 percent).

Baltimore City (Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit) accounted for 53 of the 173 appeals on the 1975 docket and the four largest counties, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's noted 9, 26, 24 and 22, respectively. Totals recorded for the first five appellate circuits were 13, 31, 32, 33 and 11.

At the close of Fiscal Year 1975-76, the Court of Appeals had disposed of all but fourteen of the 200 total appeals before it. Those fourteen cases had been heard but opinions had not been filed, disposing of them as of the close of the fiscal year on June 30th.

Two appeals were advanced and disposed of in 1974-75 and thirteen were dismissed prior to argument or submission to the Court. Twenty-five cases, most of which were appeals from the Tax Court, were either sent to a circuit court or to the Court of Special Appeals for disposition. The remaining 146 appeals were considered and decided.

STATUS OF THE CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 1975 - 76

Regular Docket

| | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|
| Appeals | | 200 |
| 1974 Term | 25 | |
| 1975 Term | 173 | |
| 1976 Term | 2 | |

| | |
|----------|-----|
| Civil | 155 |
| Criminal | 45 |

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Disposed of | | 186 |
| During Fiscal Year 1974-75 | 2 | |
| Dismissed Prior to Argument | 13 | |
| Transferred to Court of Special Appeals or Circuit Courts | 25 | |
| Considered and Decided | 146 | |

| | | |
|----------|---|----|
| Pending | | 14 |
| Civil | 6 | |
| Criminal | 8 | |

Miscellaneous Docket (Applications for Certiorari)

| | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|
| Applications | | 464 |
| Civil | | 230 |
| Granted | 64 | |
| Denied | 164 | |
| Dismissed | 2 | |
| Criminal | | 234 |
| Granted | 40 | |
| Denied | 194 | |

DISPOSITION OF CASES DURING FISCAL YEAR 1975-1976

| | <u>Law</u> | <u>Equity</u> | <u>Criminal</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Affirmed | 34 | 22 | 13 | 69 |
| Reversed | 31 | 8 | 16 | 55 |
| Dismissed - Opinion Filed | 1 | | | 1 |
| Dismissed Without Opinion | | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal | 2 | 3 | | 5 |
| Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part | 4 | | 1 | 5 |
| Modified and Affirmed | 4 | 2 | | 6 |
| Advanced and Disposed of in 1974-75 Fiscal Year | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Dismissed Prior to Argument or Submission | 7 | 2 | 4 | 13 |
| Transferred to Court of Special Appeals or Circuit Courts | 23 | 1 | 1 | 25 |
| Pending at Close of Fiscal Year | 4 | 2 | 8 | 14 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Totals | 111 | 44 | 45 | 200 |

AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS
FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS
(In Months)

| | <u>Original Filing To Disposition In Circuit Court</u> | <u>Disposition In Court Below To Docketing In Court Of Appeals</u> | <u>Docketing To Argument</u> | <u>Argument To Decision</u> |
|------|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1966 | * | * | 8.3 | 1.1 |
| 1967 | * | * | 7.8 | 1.1 |
| 1968 | * | * | 6.5 | 1.1 |
| 1969 | * | * | 4.6 | 1.1 |
| 1970 | * | * | 4.6 | 0.9 |
| 1971 | * | * | 4.4 | 1.0 |
| 1972 | 15.6 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 1.0 |
| 1973 | 15.4 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 1.2 |
| 1974 | 16.4 | 6.5 | 5.3 | 1.7 |
| 1975 | 12.7 | 6.2 | 2.2 | 1.1 |

*NOT AVAILABLE

A total of 135 regular opinions were filed by the Court during 1975-76, of which seven were per curiam. Ten opinions were unreported, including the seven per curiam opinions, while 125 were reported. The average number of opinions by members of the Court was 18-19, with an individual range of 12-23. Members of the Court also filed 23 dissenting opinions, three concurring opinions, and three opinions concurring in part and dissenting in part.

Appeals on the 1975 docket averaged only 3.3 months from docketing to disposition. Docketing to argument consumed 2.2 months while decisions were rendered in an additional 1.1 months.

The Court also considered 464 petitions for the issuance of Writs of Certiorari in 1975-76. It granted 64 civil petitions and 40 criminal petitions. Two petitions were dismissed while 358 were denied.

As in past years, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals designated many members of the judiciary to serve in courts or jurisdictions other than their own. A tabulation of those designations is contained in the appendix section of this annual report.

In addition to its duties in disposing of the regular appellate caseload, the Court also conducted 18 disciplinary proceedings during 1975-76 and reviewed the bar examinations of 32 persons receiving an unfavorable recommendation from the State Board of Law Examiners. It also reviewed the recommendation of the Board of Law Examiners as to 45 attorneys from other jurisdictions seeking admission to the Maryland Bar and admitted 648 persons to the practice of law.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">IV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS</p> |
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THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

CHIEF JUDGE

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Qualified*</u> |
| Hon. Richard P. Gilbert | 5/03/71** |

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Hon. James C. Morton, Jr. | 1/06/67 |
| Hon. Charles Awdry Thompson | 1/06/67 |
| Hon. Charles E. Moylan, Jr. | 7/01/70 |
| Hon. Jerrold V. Powers | 9/23/70 |
| Hon. W. Albert Menchine | 9/26/72*** |
| Hon. Rita C. Davidson | 11/09/72 |
| Hon. John P. Moore | 9/10/73*** |
| Hon. Thomas Hunter Lowe | 10/09/73 |
| Hon. Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr. | 12/02/74*** |
| Hon. David T. Mason | 12/02/74 |
| Hon. Solomon Liss | 7/09/76*** |

*Initially qualified to Court.

**Qualified as Chief Judge on June 8, 1976.

***Previously served at Circuit Court level.

CLERK

Julius A. Romano

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Howard E. Friedman

Upon the elevation of Chief Judge Charles E. Orth, Jr. to the Court of Appeals of Maryland, Associate Judge Richard P. Gilbert was named by Governor Marvin Mandel as Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals. Judge Gilbert took the oath of Office on June 8, 1976. Judge Solomon Liss of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore

APPEALS DOCKETED

| TERM | <u>LAW</u> | <u>EQUITY</u> | <u>CRIMINAL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Initial 1967 | XXX | XXX | 339 | 339 |
| September 1967 | XXX | XXX | 382 | 382 |
| September 1968 | XXX | XXX | 500 | 500 |
| September 1969 | XXX | XXX | 593 | 593 |
| September 1970* | 107 | 69 | 553 | 729 |
| September 1971 | 97 | 87 | 542 | 726 |
| September 1972 | 108 | 94 | 678 | 880 |
| September 1973 | 215 | 155 | 610 | 980 |
| September 1974 | 276 | 247 | 631 | 1154 |
| September 1975 | 368 | 254 | 762 | 1384 |

*Effective July 1, 1970, the Court of Special Appeals was vested with specific civil jurisdiction in addition to its previous criminal jurisdiction.

City was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Judge Orth's elevation and qualified July 9, 1976. He had served at the circuit court level since September 5, 1968.

The caseload of the Court of Special Appeals reached an all-time high during Fiscal Year 1975-76 as a total of 1, 571 appeals were before the Court, 1, 384 of which were from the September 1975 Term docket and 187 which were pending from the September 1974 Term docket. The 1, 384 appeals on the 1975

ORIGIN OF APPEALS
BY
APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

| <u>Circuit</u> | <u>September Term 1974</u> | | <u>September Term 1975</u> | |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Cases</u> | <u>Percentage</u> | <u>Cases</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
| First | 93 | 8.0 | 137 | 9.9 |
| Second | 178 | 15.4 | 194 | 14.0 |
| Third | 186 | 16.1 | 211 | 15.3 |
| Fourth | 198 | 17.2 | 260 | 18.8 |
| Fifth | 99 | 8.6 | 101 | 7.3 |
| Sixth | 400 | 34.7 | 481 | 34.7 |
| Totals | 1154 | 100.0 | 1384 | 100.0 |

docket represented an increase of 19.9 percent from the 1,154 that had been noted on the 1974 docket. Criminal appeals (762) accounted for 55.1 percent of the 1975 docket, followed by law actions (368) with 26.6 percent, and equity proceedings (254) with 18.3 percent.

Baltimore City (Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit) recorded 481 appeals on the 1975 docket followed by Prince George's County with 199, Baltimore County with 166, Montgomery County with 160 and Anne Arundel County with 65. This combined metropolitan area noted 77.4 percent of the total appeals figure, a slight increase from the 77.1 percent registered for the 1974 docket.

STATUS OF THE CALENDAR
FISCAL YEAR 1975-76
Regular Docket

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------|------|
| Appeals | | 1571 |
| 1974 Term | 187 | |
| 1975 Term | 1384 | |
| Civil | 698 | |
| Criminal | 873 | |
| Disposed Of | | 1334 |
| Stayed | 1 | |
| Transferred to Court of Appeals | 73 | |
| Dismissed Prior to Argument | 312 | |
| Considered and Decided | 948 | |
| Pending at Close of Fiscal Year | | 237 |
| Civil | 91 | |
| Criminal | 146 | |

As of the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 1976, the Court of Special Appeals had disposed of all but 237 of the 1, 571 appeals before it. Those remaining appeals had been argued but opinions had not been filed due to the limitations of time between argument and the close of the fiscal year. A total of 312 appeals were dismissed prior to argument, 73 were transferred to the

AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS
FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS
(In Months)

| | <u>Original Filing To Disposition In Court Below</u> | <u>Disposition In Court Below To Docketing In Court Of Special Appeals</u> | <u>Docketing To Argument</u> | <u>Argument To Decision</u> |
|------|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1972 | * | 3.4 | 4.8 | 1.3 |
| 1973 | 10.8 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 1.6 |
| 1974 | 10.3 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 1.7 |
| 1975 | 10.2 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 1.2 |

*NOT AVAILABLE

Court of Appeals for its consideration, and one appeal was stayed. Of the 948 appeals considered, the decision below was affirmed in 702 (74.1 percent) and reversed in 138 (14.6 percent). Thirty-five appeals were dismissed after consideration while 19 were remanded without affirmance or reversal. Forty-five decisions were affirmed in part and reversed in part and nine were modified and affirmed.

In disposing of the 948 appeals, the Court filed 938 opinions. Five opinions disposed of two cases each while one opinion disposed of three cases. Three cases were remanded without an opinion being issued. Per curiam opinions totalled 632 while reported and unreported opinions numbered 305 and 633, respectively. Fourteen opinions were written by judges specially assigned to

DISPOSITION OF CASES DURING FISCAL YEAR 1975-1976

| | <u>Law</u> | <u>Equity</u> | <u>Criminal</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Affirmed | 138 | 85 | 479 | 702 |
| Reversed | 36 | 23 | 79 | 138 |
| Dismissed - Opinion Filed | 15 | 16 | 4 | 35 |
| Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal | 3 | 12 | 4 | 19 |
| Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part | 5 | 9 | 31 | 45 |
| Modified and Affirmed | 5 | 4 | | 9 |
| Stayed | 1 | | | 1 |
| Transferred to Court of Appeals | 39 | 33 | 1 | 73 |
| Dismissed Prior to Argument or Submission | 107 | 76 | 129 | 312 |
| Pending at Close of Fiscal Year | <u>50</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>146</u> | <u>237</u> |
| Totals | 399 | 299 | 873 | 1571 |

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL
DURING FISCAL YEAR 1975-76

| | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|
| DISPOSED OF | | 157 |
| Post Conviction | | 122 |
| Granted | 6 | |
| Dismissed | 2 | |
| Denied | 110 | |
| Remanded | 4 | |
| Defective Delinquent | | 35 |
| Granted | 15 | |
| Dismissed | 3 | |
| Denied | 14 | |
| Remanded | 3 | |

the Court. Regular members of the Court also filed 15 dissenting, three concurring, and three opinions concurring in part and dissenting in part.

Appeals on the 1975 docket averaged 10.2 months from original filing below to disposition below and an additional 2.2 months until filing of the record in the Court of Special Appeals. After docketing, an appeal averaged 4.2 months until argument and an additional 1.2 months until decision. This total filing to decision time of 5.4 months reflected an improvement over the previous Term of Court when a total time of 6.2 months was registered, truly a remarkable achievement considering a nearly twenty percent growth in the Court's workload.

The Court of Special Appeals, in addition to handling its regular docket, also disposed of 157 applications for leave to appeal in post conviction and

defective delinquent cases during 1975-76. Twenty-one applications were granted, five were dismissed and seven were remanded. The balance of 124 were denied.

V

THE CIRCUIT COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES*

| | | | |
|---|----------|--|----------|
| Hon. James Macgill ^b | 1/ 6/55 | Hon. Samuel W. Barrick | 9/27/69 |
| Hon. John E. Raine, Jr. ^b | 11/26/56 | Hon. H. Ralph Miller | 9/30/69 |
| Hon. Anselm Sodaro ^a | 12/11/56 | Hon. William H. McCullough | 11/14/69 |
| Hon. Matthew S. Evans ^c | 12/19/56 | Hon. James H. Taylor | 11/21/69 |
| | | Hon. J. Albert Roney, Jr. | 12/18/69 |
| Hon. Ralph G. Shure ^b | 7/ 1/59 | Hon. James L. Wray | 9/28/70 |
| Hon. George B. Rasin, Jr. ^a | 12/20/60 | Hon. James W. Murphy | 12/16/70 |
| Hon. Ernest A. Loveless, Jr. ^a | 12/30/60 | Hon. Paul W. Ottinger | 10/15/71 |
| Hon. William B. Bowie | 1/23/61 | Hon. Marshall A. Levin | 10/19/71 |
| Hon. Shirley B. Jones | 9/22/61 | Hon. David L. Cahoon | 11/19/71 |
| Hon. Meyer M. Cardin | 10/17/61 | Hon. Richard M. Pollitt ^c | 2/14/72 |
| Hon. Irvine H. Rutledge ^a | 1/ 3/62 | Hon. James F. Couch, Jr. ^{**} | 4/ 7/72 |
| Hon. J. Harold Grady | 12/ 7/62 | Hon. John F. McAuliffe | 12/ 1/72 |
| | | Hon. Joseph A. Mattingly | 12/ 6/72 |
| Hon. Daniel T. Prettyman ^b | 3/ 4/64 | Hon. Frank E. Cicone | 2/ 2/73 |
| Hon. Perry G. Bowen, Jr. | 4/15/64 | Hon. Philip M. Fairbanks ^{**} | 2/ 2/73 |
| Hon. Harold E. Naughton | 4/27/64 | Hon. Robert L. Karwacki | 10/ 5/73 |
| Hon. Robert E. Clapp, Jr. | 7/23/64 | Hon. John J. Mitchell ^{**} | 12/14/73 |
| Hon. Albert L. Sklar | 9/14/64 | | |
| Hon. James A. Perrott | 1/25/65 | Hon. John R. Hargrove ^{**} | 7/ 2/74 |
| Hon. Edward O. Weant, Jr. | 3/17/65 | Hon. Edward D. Higinbotham | 9/16/74 |
| Hon. James S. Getty | 3/17/65 | Hon. Mary Arabian ^{**} | 9/20/74 |
| Hon. Kenneth C. Proctor | 5/10/65 | Hon. Richard B. Latham ^{**} | 1/ 3/75 |
| Hon. E. Mackall Childs | 7/ 1/65 | Hon. Morris Turk | 1/ 9/75 |
| Hon. Samuel W. H. Meloy | 7/ 9/65 | Hon. Marvin J. Land ^{**} | 3/20/75 |
| Hon. Joseph M. Mathias ^c | 8/ 2/65 | Hon. Jacob S. Levin | 5/ 9/75 |
| | | Hon. Charles E. Edmondson ^{**} | 5/28/75 |
| Hon. Harry E. Clark | 5/27/66 | Hon. William E. Brannan | 7/15/75 |
| Hon. Plummer M. Shearin | 7/ 5/66 | Hon. Nathaniel W. Hopper | 8/14/75 |
| Hon. John N. Maguire | 7/21/66 | Hon. Martin B. Greenfeld | 8/18/75 |
| Hon. Walter R. Haile | 12/16/66 | Hon. George W. Bowling ^{**} | 10/24/75 |
| Hon. H. Kemp MacDaniel ^c | 12/16/66 | Hon. Lloyd L. Simpkins ^{**} | 11/ 3/75 |
| | | Hon. Albert T. Blackwell, Jr. | 11/ 7/75 |
| Hon. Robert I. H. Hammerman | 5/ 3/67 | Hon. Edward A. DeWaters, Jr. ^{**} | 12/ 5/75 |
| Hon. H. Kenneth Mackey | 7/21/67 | Hon. Stanley B. Frosh | 12/12/75 |
| Hon. Albert P. Close | 11/30/67 | | |
| Hon. Harry A. Cole | 1/15/68 | Hon. K. Thomas Everngam | 1/ 2/76 |
| Hon. David Ross | 9/ 5/68 | Hon. Milton B. Allen | 2/ 6/76 |
| Hon. W. Harvey Beardmore | 9/ 9/68 | Hon. Robert L. Sullivan, Jr. | 3/ 5/76 |
| Hon. B. Hackett Turner, Jr. | 10/ 5/68 | Hon. Guy J. Cicone | 5/14/76 |
| Hon. Paul A. Dorf | 12/17/68 | Hon. William R. Buchanan ^{**} | 7/16/76 |
| Hon. Joseph C. Howard | 12/17/68 | Hon. Robert J. Woods ^{**} | 8/ 2/76 |
| Hon. Basil A. Thomas | 12/17/68 | Hon. Brodnax Cameron, Jr. | 10/ 1/76 |
| Hon. Robert B. Watts | 12/17/68 | Hon. Bruce C. Williams ^{**} | 11/29/76 |
| | | Hon. Frederick A. Thayer, III | 1/ 3/77 |

*In order of seniority. See appendix for biographies of recently appointed-judges.

**Previously served on District Court.

a/Chief Judge and Administrative Judge of Judicial Circuit.

b/Chief Judge of Judicial Circuit.

c/Administrative Judge of Judicial Circuit.

CLERKS OF COURT

CLERKS

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERKS

First Judicial Circuit

Dorchester County
Somerset County
Wicomico County
Worcester County

Philip L. Cannon
I. Theodore Phoebus
A. James Smith
Frank W. Hales

Donna Lee Pyle
Alice C. Webster
Betty P. Smith
Bessie B. Smith

Second Judicial Circuit

Caroline County
Cecil County
Kent County
Queen Anne's County
Talbot County

Mildred C. Butler
W. Andrew Seth
Earl H. Pinder
Charles W. Cecil
John T. Baynard

Betty A. Bullock
Nelson D. Stubbs
Grace S. Nelson
Marguerite Mankin

Third Judicial Circuit

Baltimore County
Harford County

Elmer H. Kahline, Jr.
H. Douglas Chilcoat

Charles C. Glos
Charles G. Hiob, III

Fourth Judicial Circuit

Allegany County
Garrett County
Washington County

Raymond W. Walker
Richard L. Davis
Vaughn J. Baker

Eleanor L. Albright
Clifford DeWitt
Claude E. Poole

Fifth Judicial Circuit

Anne Arundel County
Carroll County
Howard County

W. Garrett Larrimore
Charles C. Conaway
C. Merritt Pumphrey

T. Gordon Fitzhugh
Larry W. Shipley
Guinevere M. Warfield

Sixth Judicial Circuit

Frederick County
Montgomery County

Charles C. Keller
Howard M. Smith

Doris I. Beachley
Hazel W. Byrnes

Seventh Judicial Circuit

Calvert County
Charles County
Prince George's County
St. Mary's County

J. Lloyd Bowen
Patrick C. Mudd
Norman L. Pritchett
Dorothy B. Kucher

Garnett W. Wood
Sonya E. Rees
Shirley A. Cross
Evelyn W. Arnold

Eighth Judicial Circuit

Baltimore City Court
Court of Common Pleas
Superior Court
Criminal Court
Circuit Court
Circuit Court No. 2

John O. Rutherford
J. Randall Carroll*
Robert H. Bouse
Lawrence A. Murphy
Louis Cohen
John F. Kelly

Francis A. Novak
Francis R. Sherry**
James L. Vogelsang
Gerald J. Flanigan

Elliott Morrison

*Acting Clerk

**Acting Chief Deputy Clerk

Nine circuit court judges have qualified for office since the last publication of this report.

Judge K. Thomas Everngam succeeded Judge James A. Wise as Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Caroline County on January 2, 1976. Judge Wise had served on the bench since June 7, 1971 and voluntarily retired January 1, 1976.

On February 6, 1976 Judge Milton B. Allen was sworn in as a member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City (Eighth Judicial Circuit). He replaced the Honorable Charles D. Harris who retired January 8, 1976 after 14 years as a member of the judiciary. The Honorable Robert L. Sullivan, Jr. also qualified as a member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City on March 5, 1976. He succeeded Judge Dulany Foster who voluntarily retired August 31, 1975.

Judge T. Hunt Mayfield of the Circuit Court for Howard County, who had served on the bench since September 9, 1965, voluntarily retired on January 1, 1976. He was succeeded by Judge Guy J. Cicone who qualified on May 14, 1976.

District Court Judge William R. Buchanan was elevated to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County on July 16, 1976. Judge Buchanan succeeded the Honorable John Grason Turnbull who voluntarily retired May 31, 1976 after 16 years as a member of the judiciary. Judge Robert J. Woods was elevated to the Circuit

INCREASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIARY

| JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | 1957-'58 | '58-'59 | '59-'60 | '60-'61 | '61-'62 | '62-'63 | '63-'64 | '64-'65 | '65-'66 | '66-'67 | '67-'68 | '68-'69 | '69-'73 | '73-'74 | '74-'76 |
|------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| First | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Second | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Third | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Fourth | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Fifth | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| Sixth | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| Seventh | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 13 |
| Eighth | 13 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 22 |
| State | 40 | 44 | 47 | 51 | 52 | 54 | 55 | 60 | 68 | 70 | 74 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 85 |

| INCREASE IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1957-58 | 1975-76 | Increase |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | |
| Dorchester | 1 | 1 | |
| Somerset | 1 | 1 | |
| Wicomico | 1 | 1 | |
| Worcester | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | |
| Caroline | 1 | 1 | |
| Cecil | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Kent | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Queen Anne's | 1 | 1 | |
| Talbot | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | |
| Baltimore | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| Harford | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | |
| Allegany | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Garrett | 1 | 1 | |
| Washington | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 2 | 7 | 5 |
| Carroll | 1 | 1 | |
| Howard | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | |
| Frederick | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Montgomery | 3 | 10 | 7 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | |
| Calvert | 1 | 1 | |
| Charles | 1 | 1 | |
| Prince George's | 2 | 10 | 8 |
| St. Mary's | 1 | 1 | |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | |
| Baltimore City | 13 | 22 | 9 |
| STATE | 40 | 85 | 45 |

| | POPULATION | AND | CASELOAD | PER | JUDGE |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Number of Judges | | Population * Per Judge | Caases Filed Civil | Per Judge Criminal |
| <u>FIRST CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 1 | | 29,300 | 919 | 185 |
| Someraet | 1 | | 19,300 | 392 | 246 |
| Wicomico | 1 | | 59,100 | 1201 | 449 |
| Worcester | 1 | | 27,700 | 997 | 373 |
| <u>SECOND CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Caroline | 1 | | 20,400 | 344 | 88 |
| Cecil | 2 | | 27,450 | 689 | 176 |
| Kent | 1 | | 16,600 | 380 | 104 |
| Queen Anne's | 1 | | 20,200 | 312 | 176 |
| Talbot | 1 | | 25,700 | 431 | 104 |
| <u>THIRD CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 10 | | 65,910 | 1001 | 337 |
| Harford | 3 | | 44,733 | 746 | 174 |
| <u>FOURTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Allegany | 2 | | 40,200 | 790 | 123 |
| Garrett | 1 | | 23,300 | 420 | 136 |
| Washington | 2 | | 54,150 | 861 | 259 |
| <u>FIFTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 7 | | 49,214 | 1030 | 351 |
| Carroll | 1 | | 82,500 | 1136 | 454 |
| Howard | 2 | | 51,700 | 801 | 280 |
| <u>SIXTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Frederick | 2 | | 48,550 | 768 | 177 |
| Montgomery | 10 | | 59,260 | 686** | 183 |
| <u>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Calvert | 1 | | 27,500 | 648 | 116 |
| Charles | 1 | | 62,700 | 1368 | 391 |
| Prince George'a | 10 | | 69,740 | 1411 | 245 |
| St. Mary's | 1 | | 55,000 | 936 | 153 |
| <u>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 22 | | 37,014 | 1351 | 823 |
| STATE | 85 | | 48,888 | 1068 | 397 |

*Population Estimate for July 1, 1976 issued by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

**juvenile causes not included since they are heard at the District Court level.

Court for Prince George's County on August 2, 1976. He replaced the Honorable Robert B. Mathias who had served on the bench since July 9, 1965 and voluntarily retired on July 16, 1976.

On October 1, 1976 Judge Brodnax Cameron, Jr. was sworn in as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Harford County. Judge Cameron succeeded the Honorable Harry E. Dyer, Jr. who voluntarily retired on June 30, 1976. Judge Dyer had served on the bench since July of 1963.

Judge Karl F. Biener of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was defeated in the May 1976 primary election. Judge Bruce C. Williams of the District Court was elected to his position and qualified on November 29, 1976.

Chief Judge Ralph W. Powers of the Seventh Judicial Circuit reached the constitutional age of retirement on December 27, 1976. He had served on the

bench since September 30, 1960. Judge Ernest A. Loveless, Jr. succeeded Judge Powers as Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit. His successor on the Circuit Court for Prince George's County has not been appointed.

The Honorable Frederick A. Thayer, III was named to succeed Chief Judge Stuart F. Hamill on the Circuit Court for Garrett County and qualified January 3, 1977. Judge Hamill voluntarily retired December 31, 1976 after serving on the bench since October 23, 1961. Judge Irvine H. Rutledge of Washington County succeeded Judge Hamill as Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit.

Since the last publication of this report there have been several changes in the Clerks of Court. John D. Hubble, Clerk of Circuit Court No. 2 in Baltimore City, resigned from office September 30, 1976. John F. Kelly, Chief Deputy Clerk for the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, was named to succeed him and took the oath of office on December 3, 1976.

Ola Leap, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County retired on June 30, 1976. She was succeeded by Donna Lee Pyle. Marguerite Mankin was named Chief Deputy Clerk in Queen Anne's County replacing Ann M. Starkey. Emily D. Wheedleton, Chief Deputy Clerk for Talbot County, also retired this year and to date no replacement has been named. Charles G. Hiob, III

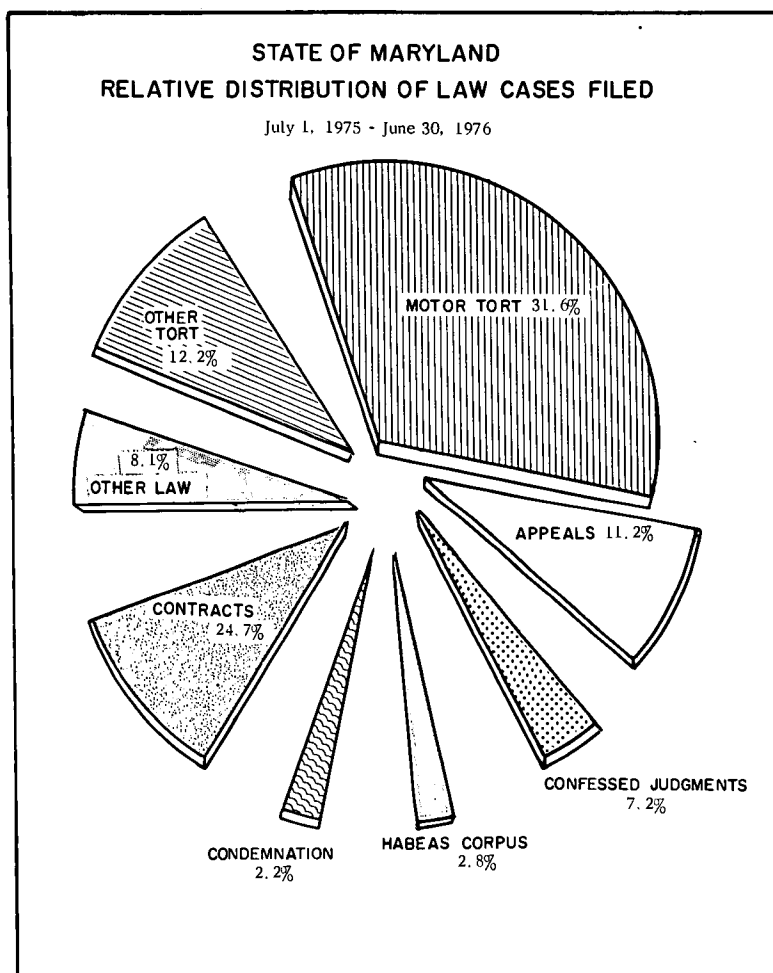
CIVIL CASES INSTITUTED *

| | <u>1966-67</u> | <u>1967-68</u> | <u>1968-69</u> | <u>1969-70</u> | <u>1970-71</u> | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total | 49, 245 | 50, 594 | 50, 384 | 53, 667 | 57, 985 | 50, 591 | 52, 601 | 53, 916 | 57, 330 | 62, 158 |
| Law | 26, 081 | 25, 583 | 25, 235 | 27, 140 | 27, 436 | 19, 021 | 18, 306 | 17, 505 | 18, 930 | 18, 724 |
| Original Cases | (23, 531) | (22, 893) | (22, 528) | (24, 015) | (24, 241) | (16, 914) | (16, 372) | (15, 573) | (16, 905) | (16, 623) |
| Appeals | (2, 550) | (2, 690) | (2, 707) | (3, 125) | (3, 195) | (2, 107) | (1, 934) | (1, 932) | (2, 025) | (2, 101) |
| Equity | 23, 164 | 25, 011 | 25, 149 | 26, 527 | 30, 549 | 31, 570 | 34, 295 | 36, 411 | 38, 400 | 43, 434 |

*1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

succeeded William G. Hartley as Chief Deputy Clerk in Harford County. The Chief Deputy Clerk for Garrett County, Oma L. Moses, retired in April of 1976 and was succeeded by Clifford DeWitt. In Carroll County, Larry W. Shipley succeeded Robert W. Bair as Chief Deputy Clerk.

There were more cases and appeals filed during the period of July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976 than the previous year. Total filings (not including juvenile causes) increased 10.3 percent from 1974-75 to 1975-76 and totalled 95,902 compared to 86,936 the previous year. Baltimore City registered 36.7 percent (35,164) of the total filings. Terminations for equity and criminal cases increased while those for law cases declined. Total terminations increased 7.7 percent and numbered 87,374 for 1975-76 compared to 81,122 in 1974-75.



Law filings declined over the previous year by 206 cases, while there were increases in equity and criminal filings resulting in a larger state total of cases filed over 1974-75. Filings exceeded terminations by 8,528 cases. Equity cases accounted for 45.3 percent of the total filings, followed by criminal proceedings with 35.2 percent and law actions with 19.5 percent.

Law cases filed in 1975-76 numbered 18,724, a decrease of

1.0 percent from the 18,930 docketed in 1974-75. Law terminations (19,880), while outnumbering filings in 1975-76, declined 9.1 percent over the previous year (21,863).

Equity matters filed in 1975-76 totalled 43,434, an increase of 13.1 percent over the 38,400 recorded the previous year. The constant rise in equity matters reflects a trend that has existed over the past nine years. There were 34,584 equity terminations in 1975-76, an increase of 9.1 percent over the 31,707 of 1974-75.

Criminal filings in 1975-76 numbered 33,744 compared to 29,606 in 1974-75, an increase of 14.0 percent. Terminations in criminal cases totalled 32,910, a substantial increase of 19.5 percent over the 27,552 of 1974-75.

Motor tort actions filed declined by 98 cases over the previous year to 5,914 from 6,012. Motor torts represent 31.6 percent of the law filings in 1975-76. Baltimore City recorded 2,363 motor tort cases compared to 2,539 in 1974-75 and 2,935 in 1973-74. Of the four largest counties, only Baltimore (858) reported a decrease from 1974-75 while Prince George's (917), Anne Arundel (384) and Montgomery (665) recorded increases. The metropolitan area of these four counties and

COMPARATIVE FILINGS IN MOTOR TORTS*

| | <u>Total Law Cases</u> | <u>Motor Torts</u> | <u>Percentage of Motor Torts</u> |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1966-67 | 26,081 | 8,669 | 33.2 |
| 1967-68 | 25,583 | 8,991 | 35.1 |
| 1968-69 | 25,235 | 8,932 | 35.4 |
| 1969-70 | 27,140 | 9,406 | 34.7 |
| 1970-71 | 27,436 | 8,501 | 31.0 |
| 1971-72 | 19,021 | 7,532 | 39.6 |
| 1972-73 | 18,306 | 7,233 | 39.6 |
| 1973-74 | 17,505 | 6,523 | 37.3 |
| 1974-75 | 18,930 | 6,012 | 31.8 |
| 1975-76 | 18,724 | 5,914 | 31.6 |

*1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

Baltimore City accounted for 87.7 percent of the motor tort caseload. The same area tallied 86.9 percent of the total in 1974-75, 87.8 in 1973-74, and 88.7 in 1972-73. Thus, a slight trend of motor torts shifting away from the metropolitan area seems to have been temporarily reversed.

Appeals from the District Court and administrative agencies reported by the circuit court clerks totalled 6,908 statewide. This was a slight decline of 0.3 percent from the 6,929 appeals filed last year. Decisions appealed from

| APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|
| July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976 | | | | | | | |
| | LAW | | | CRIMINAL | | | TOTALS |
| | District Court | Administrative Agencies | Total | Motor Vehicle | Other | Total | |
| <u>FIRST CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 6 | 37 | 43 | 11 | 16 | 27 | 70 |
| Somerset | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 19 |
| Wicomico | 13 | 16 | 29 | 27 | 42 | 69 | 98 |
| Worcester | 1 | 5 | 6 | 31 | 24 | 55 | 61 |
| <u>SECOND CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 17 |
| Cecil | 9 | 21 | 30 | 39 | 22 | 61 | 91 |
| Kent | 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 29 |
| Queen Anne's | 7 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 29 |
| Talbot | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
| <u>THIRD CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 141 | 182 | 323 | 280 | 115 | 395 | 718 |
| Harford | 25 | 33 | 58 | 62 | 42 | 104 | 162 |
| <u>FOURTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 12 | 32 | 44 | 37 | 79 | 116 | 160 |
| Garrett | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 14 |
| Washington | 14 | 37 | 51 | 42 | 57 | 99 | 150 |
| <u>FIFTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 60 | 75 | 135 | 151 | 213 | 364 | 499 |
| Carroll | 10 | 23 | 33 | 63 | 12 | 75 | 108 |
| Howard | 19 | 32 | 51 | 109 | 67 | 176 | 227 |
| <u>SIXTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 14 | 32 | 46 | 41 | 39 | 80 | 126 |
| Montgomery | 86 | 150 | 236 | 124 | 138 | 262 | 498 |
| <u>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 2 | 17 | 19 | 8 | 14 | 22 | 41 |
| Charles | 6 | 10 | 16 | 13 | 19 | 32 | 48 |
| Prince George's | 73 | 124 | 197 | 166 | 140 | 306 | 503 |
| St. Mary's | 7 | 21 | 28 | 11 | 18 | 29 | 57 |
| <u>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 252 | 467 | 719 | 819 | 1630 | 2449 | 3168 |
| STATE | 768 | 1333 | 2101 | 2065 | 22742 | 4807 | 6908 |

administrative agencies numbered 1,333, of which 467 originated in Baltimore City. Statistics appearing in this section of the report reflect appeals taken on a jurisdictional basis for the past ten years.

COMPARATIVE APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES*

| | <u>1966-67</u> | <u>1967-68</u> | <u>1968-69</u> | <u>1969-70</u> | <u>1970-71</u> | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 2 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 20 | 37 |
| Somerset | 3 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Wicomico | 16 | 16 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 14 | 16 |
| Worcester | 0 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Cecil | 14 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 21 |
| Kent | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 5 |
| Queen Anne's | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Talbot | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 107 | 91 | 108 | 115 | 112 | 104 | 114 | 121 | 113 | 182 |
| Harford | 15 | 26 | 22 | 19 | 16 | 17 | 24 | 18 | 23 | 33 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 24 | 19 | 22 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 23 | 14 | 37 | 32 |
| Garrett | 5 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Washington | 1 | 7 | 17 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 17 | 19 | 29 | 37 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 43 | 24 | 54 | 41 | 44 | 49 | 53 | 58 | 59 | 75 |
| Carroll | 16 | 12 | 23 | 11 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 36 | 23 |
| Howard | 9 | 10 | 10 | 26 | 21 | 22 | 24 | 16 | 26 | 32 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 11 | 13 | 22 | 10 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Montgomery | 72 | 73 | 79 | 96 | 96 | 89 | 71 | 67 | 96 | 150 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 17 |
| Charles | 4 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 20 | 18 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 10 |
| Prince George's | 69 | 96 | 98 | 130 | 120 | 104 | 104 | 74 | 88 | 124 |
| St. Mary's | 6 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 21 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 622 | 569 | 532 | 642 | 582 | 642 | 580 | 545 | 593 | 467 |
| TOTAL | 1054 | 1011 | 1037 | 1183 | 1134 | 1173 | 1139 | 1053 | 1238 | 1333 |

*Years 1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

AVERAGE DAYS FROM FILING TO TRIAL OR HEARING

| <u>COUNTY</u> | <u>LAW</u> | | <u>EQUITY</u> | | <u>JUVENILE</u> | | <u>CRIMINAL</u> | |
|-----------------|------------|---------|---------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 |
| Allegany | 257 | 271 | 192 | 219 | 17 | 11 | 54 | 40 |
| Anne Arundel | 458 | 361 | 168 | 188 | 63 | 69 | 116 | 139 |
| Baltimore | 356 | 469 | 336 | 231 | 42 | 58 | 113 | 127 |
| Calvert | 143 | 134 | 204 | 225 | 109 | 91 | 79 | 119 |
| Caroline | 191 | 181 | 118 | 124 | 33 | 23 | 63 | 30 |
| Carroll | 90 | 92 | 150 | 140 | 86 | 45 | 91 | 80 |
| Cecil | 71 | 91 | 66 | 184 | 29 | 41 | 103 | 70 |
| Charles | 174 | 188 | 126 | 118 | 192 | 50 | 116 | 82 |
| Dorchester | 408 | 310 | 286 | 244 | 22 | 45 | 67 | 95 |
| Frederick | 283 | 322 | 87 | 119 | 22 | 21 | 58 | 48 |
| Garrett | 190 | 138 | 126 | 109 | 54 | 36 | 118 | 71 |
| Harford | 429 | 415 | 201 | 235 | 48 | 58 | 169 | 71 |
| Howard | 206 | 214 | 199 | 170 | 206 | 105 | 195 | 114 |
| Kent | 68 | 90 | 12 | 16 | 51 | 67 | 77 | 82 |
| Montgomery | 468 | 520 | 182 | 199 | 167 | 138 | 178 | 156 |
| Prince George's | 298 | 306 | 214 | 222 | 79 | 67 | 134 | 161 |
| Queen Anne's | 218 | 113 | 154 | 119 | 89 | 22 | 108 | 103 |
| St. Mary's | 362 | 361 | 201 | 252 | 65 | 39 | 81 | 84 |
| Somerset | 307 | 284 | 104 | 134 | 13 | 15 | 93 | 73 |
| Talbot | 199 | 186 | 104 | 137 | 10 | 52 | 130 | 84 |
| Washington | 213 | 194 | 87 | 159 | 34 | 33 | 115 | 129 |
| Wicomico | 243 | 278 | 77 | 252 | 9 | 39 | 101 | 106 |
| Worcester | 108 | 298 | 105 | 95 | 120 | 143 | 196 | 209 |
| Baltimore City | 411 | 534 | 109 | 192 | 67 | 60 | 109 | 110 |

For the first time since the establishment of the District Court, the very low ratio of cases appealed compared to the vast caseload of that Court dropped even lower, to 0.5 percent from a previously constant 0.6. However, the demand for jury trials continues to increase.

Law cases disposed of by trial in 1975-76 totalled 3,633, a decrease of 7.5 percent over the 3,928 trials reported for 1974-75, and accounted for 18.3

| LAW CASES | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <u>PROPORTION OF TRIALS TO DISPOSITIONS</u> | | | |
| | <u>Total Law Cases Disposed Of</u> | <u>Disposed Of By Trial</u> | <u>Percent Disposed Of By Trial</u> |
| Allegany | 206 | 21 | 10.2 |
| Anne Arundel | 1154 | 227 | 19.7 |
| Baltimore City | 7343 | 1200 | 16.3 |
| Baltimore | 2208 | 633 | 28.7 |
| Calvert | 172 | 43 | 25.0 |
| Caroline | 29 | 7 | 24.1 |
| Carroll | 226 | 47 | 20.8 |
| Cecil | 256 | 33 | 12.9 |
| Charles | 211 | 36 | 17.0 |
| Dorchester | 149 | 41 | 27.5 |
| Frederick | 353 | 35 | 9.9 |
| Garrett | 97 | 17 | 17.5 |
| Harford | 382 | 74 | 19.4 |
| Howard | 463 | 149 | 32.2 |
| Kent | 60 | 23 | 38.3 |
| Montgomery | 2994 | 308 | 10.3 |
| Prince George's | 2346 | 528 | 22.5 |
| Queen Anne's | 64 | 10 | 15.6 |
| St. Mary's | 186 | 42 | 22.6 |
| Somerset | 90 | 14 | 15.6 |
| Talbot | 89 | 14 | 15.7 |
| Washington | 275 | 54 | 19.6 |
| Wicomico | 168 | 48 | 28.6 |
| Worcester | 359 | 29 | 8.0 |
| STATE | 19,898 | 3,633 | 18.3 |

percent of all law dispositions. Jury trials were held in 1,206 cases (32.2 percent) and before a court sitting without a jury in 2,427 (66.8 percent). A total of 1,696 law trials were conducted in the four largest counties and accounted for 46.7 percent of all law trials. Baltimore City recorded 1,200 law trials representing 33.0 percent of the total.

Time spans reflecting the average time required between filing and hear-

ing or trial have been tabulated and are included herein on a jurisdictional basis for law, equity, criminal and juvenile proceedings. For comparison purposes time spans for 1974-75 have also been included. Although times may differ between counties, generally juvenile and criminal matters consume less time between filing and hearing or trial than law or equity cases.

CASES TRIED

(1975 - 76)

| | <u>State</u> | <u>Baltimore City</u> | <u>All Counties</u> | <u>Four Metropolitan Counties</u> | <u>Other 19 Counties</u> |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LAW | 3633 | 1200 | 2433 | 1696 | 737 |
| Jury | 1206 | 281 | 925 | 666 | 259 |
| Non-Jury | 2427 | 919 | 1508 | 1030 | 478 |
| EQUITY | 14,153 | 2301 | 11,852 | 7940 | 3912 |
| CRIMINAL | 17,179 | 8992 | 8187 | 4896 | 3291 |
| Jury | 1970 | 791 | 1179 | 618 | 561 |
| Non-Jury | 15,209 | 8201 | 7008 | 4278 | 2730 |

AVERAGE DAYS FROM FILING TO TRIAL IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA

| | <u>LAW</u> | <u>EQUITY</u> | <u>JUVENILE</u> | <u>CRIMINAL</u> |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Baltimore City | 534 | 192 | 60 | 110 |
| Anne Arundel | 361 | 188 | 69 | 139 |
| Baltimore | 469 | 231 | 58 | 127 |
| Montgomery | 520 | 199 | 138 | 156 |
| Prince George's | 306 | 222 | 67 | 161 |

CRIMINAL CASES TRIED*

| | <u>1968-69</u> | <u>1969-70</u> | <u>1970-71</u> | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 129 | 139 | 115 | 86 | 107 | 128 | 100 | 111 |
| Somerset | 34 | 57 | 35 | 54 | 70 | 39 | 130 | 125 |
| Wicomico | 75 | 73 | 121 | 169 | 263 | 285 | 300 | 295 |
| Worcester | 98 | 129 | 151 | 112 | 146 | 125 | 160 | 200 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 41 | 28 | 22 | 30 | 27 | 26 | 34 | 27 |
| Cecil | 206 | 228 | 143 | 120 | 112 | 152 | 143 | 160 |
| Kent | 106 | 161 | 58 | 55 | 59 | 77 | 50 | 53 |
| Queen Anne's | 38 | 88 | 85 | 36 | 58 | 66 | 73 | 69 |
| Talbot | 68 | 88 | 127 | 154 | 81 | 89 | 91 | 102 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 1430 | 1634 | 1761 | 1521 | 1603 | 1943 | 1690 | 1624 |
| Harford | 317 | 296 | 271 | 360 | 286 | 276 | 371 | 415 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 171 | 236 | 140 | 121 | 189 | 154 | 174 | 180 |
| Garrett | 45 | 90 | 118 | 73 | 61 | 58 | 38 | 95 |
| Washington | 180 | 292 | 214 | 234 | 299 | 343 | 272 | 292 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 802 | 1065 | 1071 | 801 | 1021 | 1155 | 1169 | 1295 |
| Carroll | 141 | 211 | 145 | 171 | 234 | 358 | 155 | 259 |
| Howard | 153 | 266 | 177 | 172 | 252 | 258 | 245 | 370 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 108 | 130 | 155 | 125 | 130 | 203 | 170 | 188 |
| Montgomery | 476 | 557 | 443 | 383 | 453 | 567 | 570 | 741 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 161 | 169 | 99 | 50 | 34 | 32 | 62 | 84 |
| Charles | 99 | 96 | 128 | 119 | 148 | 162 | 119 | 133 |
| Prince George's | 900 | 1058 | 1312 | 1196 | 1045 | 1518 | 1140 | 1236 |
| St. Mary's | 159 | 192 | 203 | 118 | 187 | 215 | 135 | 145 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 7545 | 7367 | 7031 | 5559 | 6721 | 9684 | 7818 | 8992 |
| STATE | 13, 482 | 14, 710 | 14, 125 | 11, 819 | 13, 586 | 17, 913 | 15, 209 | 17, 179 |

*Years 1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30. Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

In 1975-76, 55.3 percent (24, 015) of the total equity filings were in divorce proceedings. There were 14, 153 total hearings held in equity matters, an increase of 42.7 percent over the 9, 917 hearings held in 1974-75.

A total of 17, 179 criminal cases were tried statewide, of which 1, 970 (11.5 percent) were jury trials. Baltimore City recorded 8, 992 trials, 52.3 percent of the state total. On the average, cases came to trial more quickly in Baltimore City than in the four metropolitan counties.

In 1975-76, 528 habeas corpus petitions were filed, a decline of 48 from the previous year when 576 were noted. Post conviction cases showed a sub-

| HABEAS CORPUS AND POST CONVICTION CASES FILED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Habeas Corpus* | | | | | | | Post Conviction* | | | | | | |
| | 1969-70 | 1970-71 | 1971-72 | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 | 1969-70 | 1970-71 | 1971-72 | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 | 1975-76 |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 3 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Somerset | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Wicomico | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 4 |
| Worcester | 4 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Cecil | 11 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 10 |
| Kent | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Queen Anne's | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 1 |
| Talbot | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 60 | 42 | 45 | 47 | 74 | 132 | 108 | 42 | 29 | 23 | 19 | 34 | 38 | 50 |
| Harford | 1 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Garrett | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Washington | 7 | 9 | 28 | 34 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 58 | 47 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 21 | 19 | 35 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 8 | 10 |
| Carroll | 5 | 7 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 20 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Howard | 17 | 47 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 33 | 34 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Montgomery | 49 | 39 | 116 | 50 | 23 | 39 | 40 | 22 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 10 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| Charles | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Prince George's | 81 | 107 | 29 | 28 | 41 | 53 | 44 | 38 | 48 | 24 | 33 | 43 | 44 | 58 |
| St. Mary's | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 845 | 1004 | 799 | 581 | 320 | 251 | 202 | 316 | 280 | 192 | 227 | 281 | 240 | 334 |
| TOTALS | 1174 | 1367 | 1100 | 806 | 527 | 576 | 528 | 537 | 427 | 306 | 351 | 448 | 405 | 529 |

*1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF CRIMINAL SENTENCES

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | Filed During Year | Terminated | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | Withdrawn by Applicant | Considered and Disposed of | | |
| | | | Original Sentence Unchanged | Original Sentence Increased | Original Sentence Decreased |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Somerset | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wicomico | 13 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Worcester | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Caroline | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cecil | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Kent | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Queen Anne's | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Talbot | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 76 | 1 | 59 | 0 | 9 |
| Harford | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Allegany | 10 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Garrett | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 17 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 1 |
| Carroll | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Howard | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Frederick | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Montgomery | 16 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 7 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Calvert | 13 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Prince George's | 90 | 9 | 72 | 0 | 7 |
| St. Mary's | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 191 | 14 | 199 | 0 | 1 |
| STATE | 478 | 31 | 425 | 0 | 27 |

stantial increase to 529, compared to 1974-75 when only 405 were recorded.

The Circuit Court for Montgomery County reported that, in exercising jurisdiction formerly held by an orphans' court, it conducted 85 hearings and signed 3,979 orders in 1975-76. As a result of the ratification of a constitutional amendment in 1974, Harford County now exercises similar jurisdiction and reported 10 hearings and 361 signed orders for 1975-76.

Applications for review of criminal sentences numbered 478 in 1975-76, of which 31 were withdrawn by the applicants. There were 406 such applications in 1974-75 and 341 in 1973-74. The original sentence was decreased in 1975-76 in 27 cases and unchanged in 425. No sentences were increased. Since the creation of the procedure to review criminal sentences in 1966, 2,837 applications have been filed. During this period, 183 sentences have been decreased (6.5 percent).

During 1975-76, 28,373 juvenile causes were filed, an increase of 12.0 percent over the 25,330 of the previous year. Increases in juvenile filings were recorded in Baltimore City and Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties, while Prince George's registered a decrease. Delinquency cases totalled 24,256 and constituted 85.5 percent of the workload. Terminations outnumbered filings and totalled 30,368, a 22.7 percent increase over the 24,760 recorded in 1974-75. Juvenile matters generally reached the hearing stage faster than criminal, law or equity cases. In Montgomery County, the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction over juvenile causes while in all other counties and Baltimore City, the circuit court exercises such jurisdiction.

Detailed tables of the circuit court workload follow.

TABLE A-1

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND *
 JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-FIRST CIRCUIT | 4194 | 3946 | 248 | 4478 | 4199 | 279 |
| LAW | 685 | 603 | 82 | 766 | 692 | 74 |
| EQUITY | 2256 | 2256 | XXX | 2435 | 2435 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 1253 | 1087 | 166 | 1277 | 1072 | 205 |
| DORCHESTER COUNTY | 946 | 876 | 70 | 998 | 914 | 84 |
| LAW | 117 | 74 | 43 | 149 | 103 | 46 |
| EQUITY | 644 | 644 | XXX | 645 | 645 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 185 | 158 | 27 | 204 | 166 | 38 |
| SOMERSET COUNTY | 547 | 528 | 19 | 691 | 664 | 27 |
| LAW | 76 | 72 | 4 | 90 | 87 | 3 |
| EQUITY | 225 | 225 | XXX | 359 | 359 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 246 | 231 | 15 | 242 | 218 | 24 |
| WICOMICO COUNTY | 1437 | 1339 | 98 | 1465 | 1374 | 91 |
| LAW | 163 | 134 | 29 | 168 | 153 | 15 |
| EQUITY | 825 | 825 | XXX | 845 | 845 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 449 | 380 | 69 | 452 | 376 | 76 |
| WORCESTER COUNTY | 1264 | 1203 | 61 | 1324 | 1247 | 77 |
| LAW | 329 | 323 | 6 | 359 | 349 | 10 |
| EQUITY | 562 | 562 | XXX | 586 | 586 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 373 | 318 | 55 | 379 | 312 | 67 |

*Equity figures do not include Juvenile Causes.
 See TABLES F-1 and F-2 for juvenile statistics.

TABLE A-2

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-SECOND CIRCUIT | 3171 | 2990 | 181 | 2761 | 2578 | 183 |
| LAW | 536 | 475 | 61 | 498 | 445 | 53 |
| EQUITY | 1812 | 1812 | XXX | 1497 | 1497 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 823 | 703 | 120 | 766 | 636 | 130 |
| CAROLINE COUNTY | 377 | 360 | 17 | 262 | 253 | 9 |
| LAW | 41 | 33 | 8 | 29 | 26 | 3 |
| EQUITY | 248 | 248 | XXX | 182 | 182 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 88 | 79 | 9 | 51 | 45 | 6 |
| CECIL COUNTY | 1531 | 1440 | 91 | 1358 | 1250 | 108 |
| LAW | 254 | 224 | 30 | 256 | 222 | 34 |
| EQUITY | 926 | 926 | XXX | 779 | 779 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 351 | 290 | 61 | 323 | 249 | 74 |
| KENT COUNTY | 374 | 345 | 29 | 381 | 348 | 33 |
| LAW | 58 | 51 | 7 | 60 | 52 | 8 |
| EQUITY | 212 | 212 | XXX | 208 | 208 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 104 | 82 | 22 | 113 | 88 | 25 |
| QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY | 426 | 397 | 29 | 391 | 373 | 18 |
| LAW | 67 | 54 | 13 | 64 | 60 | 4 |
| EQUITY | 183 | 183 | XXX | 148 | 148 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 176 | 160 | 16 | 179 | 165 | 14 |
| TALBOT COUNTY | 463 | 448 | 15 | 369 | 354 | 15 |
| LAW | 116 | 113 | 3 | 89 | 85 | 4 |
| EQUITY | 243 | 243 | XXX | 180 | 180 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 104 | 92 | 12 | 100 | 89 | 11 |

TABLE A-3

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED

IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-THIRD CIRCUIT | 13,795 | 12,915 | 880 | 12,829 | 11,897 | 932 |
| LAW | 2832 | 2451 | 381 | 2590 | 2277 | 313 |
| EQUITY | 7073 | 7073 | XXX | 6155 | 6155 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 3890 | 3391 | 499 | 4084 | 3465 | 619 |
| BALTIMORE COUNTY | 11,579 | 10,861 | 718 | 10,580 | 9816 | 764 |
| LAW | 2461 | 2138 | 323 | 2208 | 1945 | 263 |
| EQUITY | 5749 | 5749 | XXX | 4796 | 4796 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 3369 | 2974 | 395 | 3576 | 3075 | 501 |
| HARFORD COUNTY | 2216 | 2054 | 162 | 2249 | 2081 | 168 |
| LAW | 371 | 313 | 58 | 382 | 332 | 50 |
| EQUITY | 1324 | 1324 | XXX | 1359 | 1359 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 521 | 417 | 104 | 508 | 390 | 118 |

TABLE A-4

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED

IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-FOURTH CIRCUIT | 3517 | 3193 | 324 | 3285 | 3018 | 267 |
| LAW | 737 | 640 | 97 | 578 | 519 | 59 |
| EQUITY | 1881 | 1881 | XXX | 1651 | 1651 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 899 | 672 | 227 | 1056 | 848 | 208 |
| ALLEGANY COUNTY | 1364 | 1204 | 160 | 985 | 867 | 118 |
| LAW | 325 | 281 | 44 | 206 | 184 | 22 |
| EQUITY | 794 | 794 | XXX | 574 | 574 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 245 | 129 | 116 | 205 | 109 | 96 |
| GARRETT COUNTY | 437 | 423 | 14 | 423 | 403 | 20 |
| LAW | 111 | 109 | 2 | 97 | 92 | 5 |
| EQUITY | 190 | 190 | XXX | 161 | 161 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 136 | 124 | 12 | 165 | 150 | 15 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY | 1716 | 1566 | 150 | 1877 | 1748 | 129 |
| LAW | 301 | 250 | 51 | 275 | 243 | 32 |
| EQUITY | 897 | 897 | XXX | 916 | 916 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 518 | 419 | 99 | 686 | 589 | 97 |

TABLE A-5

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-FIFTH CIRCUIT | 11, 005 | 10, 171 | 834 | 9637 | 8789 | 848 |
| LAW | 2087 | 1868 | 219 | 1843 | 1638 | 205 |
| EQUITY | 5449 | 5449 | XXX | 4461 | 4461 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 3469 | 2854 | 615 | 3333 | 2690 | 643 |
| ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY | 7833 | 7334 | 499 | 6877 | 6378 | 499 |
| LAW | 1245 | 1110 | 135 | 1154 | 1028 | 126 |
| EQUITY | 4132 | 4132 | XXX | 3345 | 3345 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 2456 | 2092 | 364 | 2378 | 2005 | 373 |
| CARROLL COUNTY | 1330 | 1222 | 108 | 1076 | 969 | 107 |
| LAW | 304 | 271 | 33 | 226 | 193 | 33 |
| EQUITY | 572 | 572 | XXX | 493 | 493 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 454 | 379 | 75 | 357 | 283 | 74 |
| HOWARD COUNTY | 1842 | 1615 | 227 | 1684 | 1442 | 242 |
| LAW | 538 | 487 | 51 | 463 | 417 | 46 |
| EQUITY | 745 | 745 | XXX | 623 | 623 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 559 | 383 | 176 | 598 | 402 | 196 |

TABLE A-6

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED

IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-SIXTH CIRCUIT | 10,384 | 9760 | 624 | 9444 | 8916 | 528 |
| LAW | 2952 | 2670 | 282 | 3347 | 3199 | 148 |
| EQUITY | 5247 | 5247 | XXX | 4116 | 4116 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 2185 | 1843 | 342 | 1981 | 1601 | 380 |
| FREDERICK COUNTY | 1694 | 1568 | 126 | 1742 | 1619 | 123 |
| LAW | 312 | 266 | 46 | 353 | 307 | 46 |
| EQUITY | 1029 | 1029 | XXX | 1060 | 1060 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 353 | 273 | 80 | 329 | 252 | 77 |
| MONTGOMERY COUNTY | 8690 | 8192 | 498 | 7702 | 7297 | 405 |
| LAW | 2640 | 2404 | 236 | 2994 | 2892 | 102 |
| EQUITY | 4218 | 4218 | XXX | 3056 | 3056 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 1832 | 1570 | 262 | 1652 | 1349 | 303 |

TABLE A-7

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED

IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL--SEVENTH CIRCUIT | 14, 672 | 14, 023 | 649 | 12, 199 | 11, 688 | 511 |
| LAW | 3163 | 2903 | 260 | 2915 | 2748 | 167 |
| EQUITY | 8396 | 8396 | XXX | 6376 | 6376 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 3113 | 2724 | 389 | 2908 | 2564 | 344 |
| CALVERT COUNTY | 623 | 582 | 41 | 653 | 620 | 33 |
| LAW | 152 | 133 | 19 | 172 | 156 | 16 |
| EQUITY | 355 | 355 | XXX | 361 | 361 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 116 | 94 | 22 | 120 | 103 | 17 |
| CHARLES COUNTY | 1309 | 1261 | 48 | 1295 | 1246 | 49 |
| LAW | 191 | 175 | 16 | 211 | 190 | 21 |
| EQUITY | 727 | 727 | XXX | 713 | 713 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 391 | 359 | 32 | 371 | 343 | 28 |
| PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY | 11, 861 | 11, 358 | 503 | 9443 | 9061 | 382 |
| LAW | 2599 | 2402 | 197 | 2346 | 2234 | 112 |
| EQUITY | 6809 | 6809 | XXX | 4842 | 4842 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 2453 | 2147 | 306 | 2255 | 1985 | 270 |
| ST. MARY'S COUNTY | 879 | 822 | 57 | 808 | 761 | 47 |
| LAW | 221 | 193 | 28 | 186 | 168 | 18 |
| EQUITY | 505 | 505 | XXX | 460 | 460 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 153 | 124 | 29 | 162 | 133 | 29 |

TABLE A-8

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED AND TERMINATED

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-EIGHTH CIRCUIT | 35,164 | 31,996 | 3168 | 32,741 | 29,846 | 2895 |
| BALTIMORE CITY | | | | | | |
| TOTAL-LAW COURTS | 5732 | 5013 | 719 | 7343 | 6653 | 690 |
| TOTAL-EQUITY COURTS | 11,320 | 11,320 | XXX | 7893 | 7893 | XXX |
| TOTAL-CRIMINAL COURTS | 18,112 | 15,663 | 2449 | 17,505 | 15,300 | 2205 |

LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES

FILED, AND TERMINATED

IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | TERMINATED | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS | CASES AND APPEALS | CASES | APPEALS |
| TOTAL-STATE OF MARYLAND | 95,902 | 88,994 | 6908 | 87,374 | 80,931 | 6443 |
| LAW | 18,724 | 16,623 | 2101 | 19,880 | 18,171 | 1709 |
| EQUITY | 43,434 | 43,434 | XXX | 34,584 | 34,584 | XXX |
| CRIMINAL | 33,744 | 28,937 | 4807 | 32,910 | 28,176 | 4734 |

TABLE B-1

**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND^a**

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | STATE | | FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | ALL JUDICIAL CIRCUITS | | DORCHESTER | | SOMERSET | | WICOMICO | | WORCESTER | |
| | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| LAW (TOTAL) | 18,724 | 100.0 | 117 | 100.0 | 76 | 100.0 | 163 | 100.0 | 329 | 100.0 |
| MOTOR TORT | 5914 | 31.6 | 21 | 18.0 | 9 | 11.8 | 28 | 17.2 | 16 | 4.9 |
| OTHER TORT ^b | 2282 | 12.2 | 8 | 6.8 | 3 | 4.0 | 10 | 6.1 | 3 | 0.9 |
| CONTRACT | 4615 | 24.7 | 11 | 9.4 | 10 | 13.1 | 79 | 48.5 | 69 | 21.0 |
| CONFESED JUDGMENTS | 1354 | 7.2 | 18 | 15.4 | 18 | 23.7 | 13 | 8.0 | 53 | 16.1 |
| CONDEMNATION | 418 | 2.2 | 2 | 1.8 | 1 | 1.3 | 2 | 1.2 | 4 | 1.2 |
| OTHER LAW ^c | 1512 | 8.1 | 6 | 5.1 | 28 | 36.8 | 1 | 0.6 | 174 | 52.9 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 528 | 2.8 | 8 | 6.8 | 3 | 4.0 | 1 | 0.6 | 4 | 1.2 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT COURT | 768 | 4.1 | 6 | 5.1 | 3 | 4.0 | 13 | 8.0 | 1 | 0.3 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES | 1333 | 7.1 | 37 | 31.6 | 1 | 1.3 | 16 | 9.8 | 5 | 1.5 |
| EQUITY (TOTAL) | 43,434 | 100.0 | 644 | 100.0 | 225 | 100.0 | 825 | 100.0 | 562 | 100.0 |
| ADOPTION ^d | 2341 | 5.4 | 28 | 4.3 | 10 | 4.5 | 56 | 6.8 | 9 | 1.6 |
| DIVORCE | 24,015 | 55.3 | 228 | 35.4 | 126 | 56.0 | 496 | 60.1 | 190 | 33.8 |
| PATERNITY | 6784 | 15.6 | 307 | 47.7 | 41 | 18.2 | 149 | 18.1 | 101 | 18.0 |
| FORECLOSURE | 2063 | 4.7 | 18 | 2.8 | 14 | 6.2 | 49 | 5.9 | 130 | 23.1 |
| OTHER EQUITY | 8231 | 19.0 | 63 | 9.8 | 34 | 15.1 | 75 | 9.1 | 132 | 23.5 |
| CRIMINAL (TOTAL) | 33,744 | 100.0 | 185 | 100.0 | 246 | 100.0 | 449 | 100.0 | 373 | 100.0 |
| DESERTION | 2703 | 8.0 | 3 | 1.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 1.9 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 25,705 | 76.2 | 151 | 81.6 | 228 | 92.7 | 376 | 83.7 | 308 | 82.6 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 2065 | 6.1 | 11 | 5.9 | 7 | 2.8 | 27 | 6.0 | 31 | 8.3 |
| CRIMINAL | 2742 | 8.1 | 16 | 8.7 | 8 | 3.3 | 42 | 9.4 | 24 | 6.4 |
| POST CONVICTION | 529 | 1.6 | 4 | 2.2 | 3 | 1.2 | 4 | 0.9 | 3 | 0.8 |

a Juvenile Causes not included.

b Includes 230 Consent Cases.

c Includes 116 Defective Delinquent Cases.

d Includes 539 Petitions For Guardianship.

TABLE B-2

**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | CAROLINE | | CECIL | | KENT | | QUEEN ANNE'S | | TALBOT | |
| | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| LAW (TOTAL) | 41 | 100.0 | 254 | 100.0 | 58 | 100.0 | 67 | 100.0 | 116 | 100.0 |
| MOTOR TORT | 10 | 24.4 | 37 | 14.6 | 8 | 13.8 | 13 | 19.4 | 15 | 12.9 |
| OTHER TORT | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 4.3 | 5 | 8.6 | 6 | 9.0 | 5 | 4.3 |
| CONTRACT | 9 | 22.0 | 26 | 10.2 | 11 | 19.0 | 19 | 28.3 | 10 | 8.6 |
| CONFESSED JUDGMENTS | 5 | 12.2 | 63 | 24.8 | 17 | 29.3 | 9 | 13.4 | 51 | 44.0 |
| CONDEMNATION | 2 | 4.9 | 2 | 0.8 | 1 | 1.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| OTHER LAW | 7 | 17.1 | 75 | 29.5 | 7 | 12.0 | 3 | 4.5 | 31 | 26.7 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 0 | 0.0 | 10 | 3.9 | 2 | 3.5 | 4 | 6.0 | 1 | 0.9 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT COURT | 4 | 9.7 | 9 | 3.6 | 2 | 3.5 | 7 | 10.4 | 2 | 1.7 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES | 4 | 9.7 | 21 | 8.3 | 5 | 8.6 | 6 | 9.0 | 1 | 0.9 |
| EQUITY (TOTAL) | 248 | 100.0 | 926 | 100.0 | 212 | 100.0 | 183 | 100.0 | 243 | 100.0 |
| ADOPTION | 11 | 4.4 | 45 | 4.8 | 15 | 7.1 | 12 | 6.6 | 16 | 6.6 |
| DIVORCE | 120 | 48.4 | 576 | 62.2 | 145 | 68.4 | 75 | 41.0 | 123 | 50.6 |
| PATERNITY | 32 | 13.0 | 173 | 18.7 | 26 | 12.3 | 29 | 15.8 | 47 | 19.3 |
| FORECLOSURE | 13 | 5.2 | 35 | 3.8 | 6 | 2.8 | 9 | 4.9 | 12 | 5.0 |
| OTHER EQUITY | 72 | 29.0 | 97 | 10.5 | 20 | 9.4 | 58 | 31.7 | 45 | 18.5 |
| CRIMINAL (TOTAL) | 88 | 100.0 | 351 | 100.0 | 104 | 100.0 | 176 | 100.0 | 104 | 100.0 |
| DESERTION | 0 | 0.0 | 36 | 10.3 | 3 | 2.9 | 2 | 1.2 | 2 | 1.9 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 70 | 79.5 | 244 | 69.5 | 78 | 75.0 | 157 | 89.2 | 88 | 84.6 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 2 | 2.3 | 39 | 11.1 | 6 | 5.8 | 8 | 4.5 | 3 | 2.9 |
| CRIMINAL | 7 | 8.0 | 22 | 6.3 | 16 | 15.4 | 8 | 4.5 | 9 | 8.7 |
| POST CONVICTION | 9 | 10.2 | 10 | 2.8 | 1 | 0.9 | 1 | 0.6 | 2 | 1.9 |

TABLE B-3

**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | | FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|
| | BALTIMORE | | HARFORD | | ALLEGANY | | GARRETT | | WASHINGTON | |
| | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| LAW (TOTAL) | 2461 | 100.0 | 371 | 100.0 | 325 | 100.0 | 111 | 100.0 | 301 | 100.0 |
| MOTOR TORT | 858 | 34.8 | 133 | 35.8 | 31 | 9.5 | 18 | 16.3 | 63 | 20.9 |
| OTHER TORT | 329 | 13.4 | 34 | 9.2 | 24 | 7.4 | 8 | 7.2 | 28 | 9.3 |
| CONTRACT | 601 | 24.4 | 37 | 10.0 | 61 | 18.8 | 19 | 17.1 | 108 | 35.9 |
| CONFESSED JUDGMENTS | 110 | 4.5 | 10 | 2.7 | 96 | 29.5 | 17 | 15.3 | 24 | 8.0 |
| CONDEMNATION | 39 | 1.6 | 7 | 1.9 | 6 | 1.9 | 4 | 3.6 | 8 | 2.7 |
| OTHER LAW | 93 | 3.8 | 85 | 22.9 | 63 | 19.4 | 40 | 36.0 | 11 | 3.6 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 108 | 4.4 | 7 | 1.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 2.7 | 8 | 2.7 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT COURT | 141 | 5.7 | 25 | 6.7 | 12 | 3.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 4.6 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES | 182 | 7.4 | 33 | 8.9 | 32 | 9.8 | 2 | 1.8 | 37 | 12.3 |
| EQUITY (TOTAL) | 5749 | 100.0 | 1324 | 100.0 | 794 | 100.0 | 190 | 100.0 | 897 | 100.0 |
| ADOPTION | 313 | 5.4 | 174 | 13.2 | 48 | 6.0 | 25 | 13.2 | 82 | 9.1 |
| DIVORCE | 3551 | 61.8 | 611 | 46.2 | 505 | 63.6 | 89 | 46.8 | 559 | 62.3 |
| PATERNITY | 376 | 6.6 | 109 | 8.2 | 82 | 10.3 | 1 | 0.5 | 53 | 5.9 |
| FORECLOSURE | 179 | 3.1 | 64 | 4.8 | 25 | 3.2 | 14 | 7.4 | 24 | 2.7 |
| OTHER EQUITY | 1330 | 23.1 | 366 | 27.6 | 134 | 16.9 | 61 | 32.1 | 179 | 20.0 |
| CRIMINAL (TOTAL) | 3369 | 100.0 | 521 | 100.0 | 245 | 100.0 | 136 | 100.0 | 518 | 100.0 |
| DESERTION | 535 | 15.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.8 | 3 | 2.2 | 1 | 0.2 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 2389 | 70.9 | 413 | 79.3 | 127 | 51.9 | 119 | 87.5 | 412 | 79.5 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 280 | 8.3 | 62 | 11.9 | 37 | 15.1 | 5 | 3.7 | 42 | 8.1 |
| CRIMINAL | 115 | 3.4 | 42 | 8.0 | 79 | 32.2 | 7 | 5.1 | 57 | 11.0 |
| POST CONVICTION | 50 | 1.5 | 4 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 1.5 | 6 | 1.2 |

TABLE B-4

**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976**

| | FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | | | | SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | ANNE ARUNDEL | | CARROLL | | HOWARD | | FREDERICK | | MONTGOMERY | |
| | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| LAW (TOTAL) | 1245 | 100.0 | 304 | 100.0 | 538 | 100.0 | 312 | 100.0 | 2640 | 100.0 |
| MOTOR TORT | 384 | 30.9 | 38 | 12.5 | 70 | 13.0 | 68 | 21.8 | 665 | 25.2 |
| OTHER TORT | 112 | 9.0 | 16 | 5.2 | 24 | 4.5 | 39 | 12.5 | 389 | 14.7 |
| CONTRACT | 426 | 34.2 | 85 | 28.0 | 151 | 28.1 | 80 | 25.6 | 1058 | 40.1 |
| CONFESED JUDGMENTS | 72 | 5.8 | 102 | 33.6 | 151 | 28.1 | 51 | 16.3 | 146 | 5.5 |
| CONDEMNATION | 38 | 3.1 | 3 | 1.0 | 3 | 0.6 | 8 | 2.6 | 48 | 1.8 |
| OTHER LAW | 59 | 4.7 | 11 | 3.6 | 54 | 10.0 | 17 | 5.4 | 58 | 2.2 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 19 | 1.5 | 16 | 5.2 | 34 | 6.3 | 3 | 1.0 | 40 | 1.5 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT COURT | 60 | 4.8 | 10 | 3.3 | 19 | 3.5 | 14 | 4.5 | 86 | 3.3 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES | 75 | 6.0 | 23 | 7.6 | 32 | 5.9 | 32 | 10.3 | 150 | 5.7 |
| EQUITY (TOTAL) | 4132 | 100.0 | 572 | 100.0 | 745 | 100.0 | 1029 | 100.0 | 4218 | 100.0 |
| ADOPTION | 218 | 5.3 | 52 | 9.1 | 10 | 1.4 | 44 | 4.3 | 251 | 6.0 |
| DIVORCE | 2480 | 60.0 | 385 | 67.3 | 549 | 73.7 | 586 | 57.0 | 2382 | 56.5 |
| PATERNITY | 793 | 19.2 | 5 | 0.9 | 1 | 0.1 | 127 | 12.3 | 99 | 2.3 |
| FORECLOSURE | 122 | 2.9 | 28 | 4.9 | 39 | 5.2 | 94 | 9.1 | 187 | 4.4 |
| OTHER EQUITY | 519 | 12.6 | 102 | 17.8 | 146 | 19.6 | 178 | 17.3 | 1299 | 30.8 |
| CRIMINAL (TOTAL) | 2456 | 100.0 | 454 | 100.0 | 559 | 100.0 | 353 | 100.0 | 1832 | 100.0 |
| DESERTION | 561 | 22.8 | 7 | 1.5 | 19 | 3.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 77 | 4.2 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 1521 | 61.9 | 369 | 81.3 | 364 | 65.1 | 271 | 76.8 | 1483 | 81.0 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 151 | 6.2 | 63 | 13.9 | 109 | 19.5 | 41 | 11.6 | 124 | 6.8 |
| CRIMINAL | 213 | 8.7 | 12 | 2.6 | 67 | 12.0 | 39 | 11.0 | 138 | 7.5 |
| POST CONVICTION | 10 | 0.4 | 3 | 0.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.6 | 10 | .5 |

TABLE B-5

**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976

| | SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | EIGHTH * | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | CALVERT | | CHARLES | | PRINCE GEORGE'S | | ST. MARY'S | | BALTIMORE CITY | |
| | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| LAW (TOTAL) | 152 | 100.0 | 191 | 100.0 | 2599 | 100.0 | 221 | 100.0 | 5732 | 100.0 |
| MOTOR TORT | 33 | 21.7 | 55 | 28.9 | 917 | 35.3 | 61 | 27.6 | 2363 | 41.2 |
| OTHER TORT | 10 | 6.6 | 30 | 15.7 | 475 | 18.3 | 17 | 7.7 | 696 | 12.1 |
| CONTRACT | 7 | 4.6 | 62 | 32.5 | 766 | 29.5 | 40 | 18.1 | 870 | 15.2 |
| CONFESSED JUDGMENTS | 10 | 6.6 | 10 | 5.2 | 87 | 3.3 | 35 | 15.8 | 186 | 3.2 |
| CONDEMNATION | 3 | 2.0 | 7 | 3.7 | 49 | 1.9 | 21 | 9.5 | 160 | 2.8 |
| OTHER LAW | 68 | 44.7 | 6 | 3.1 | 64 | 2.4 | 15 | 6.8 | 536 | 9.4 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | 2 | 1.3 | 5 | 2.6 | 44 | 1.7 | 4 | 1.8 | 202 | 3.5 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT COURT | 2 | 1.3 | 6 | 3.1 | 73 | 2.8 | 7 | 3.2 | 252 | 4.4 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES | 17 | 11.2 | 10 | 5.2 | 124 | 4.8 | 21 | 9.5 | 467 | 8.2 |
| EQUITY (TOTAL) | 355 | 100.0 | 727 | 100.0 | 6809 | 100.0 | 505 | 100.0 | 11,320 | 100.0 |
| ADOPTION | 11 | 3.1 | 40 | 5.5 | 414 | 6.0 | 27 | 5.3 | 430 | 3.8 |
| DIVORCE | 129 | 36.3 | 201 | 27.6 | 4716 | 69.3 | 258 | 51.1 | 4935 | 43.6 |
| PATERNITY | 132 | 37.2 | 340 | 46.8 | 315 | 4.6 | 67 | 13.3 | 3379 | 29.8 |
| FORECLOSURE | 31 | 8.7 | 27 | 3.7 | 509 | 7.5 | 31 | 6.1 | 403 | 3.6 |
| OTHER EQUITY | 52 | 14.7 | 119 | 16.4 | 855 | 12.6 | 122 | 24.2 | 2173 | 19.2 |
| CRIMINAL (TOTAL) | 116 | 100.0 | 391 | 100.0 | 2453 | 100.0 | 153 | 100.0 | 18,112 | 100.0 |
| DESERPTION | 15 | 12.9 | 22 | 5.6 | 202 | 8.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 1206 | 6.7 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 72 | 62.1 | 331 | 84.7 | 1887 | 76.9 | 124 | 81.0 | 14,123 | 78.0 |
| APPEALS— | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOTOR VEHICLE | 8 | 6.9 | 13 | 3.3 | 166 | 6.8 | 11 | 7.2 | 819 | 4.5 |
| CRIMINAL | 14 | 12.1 | 19 | 4.9 | 140 | 5.7 | 18 | 11.8 | 1630 | 9.0 |
| POST CONVICTION | 7 | 6.0 | 6 | 1.5 | 58 | 2.4 | 0 | 0.0 | 334 | 1.8 |

*Eighth Judicial Circuit

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES FILED IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS*

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

TABLE C-1

| | Dorchester | Somerset | Wicomico | Worcester | Caroline | Cecil | Kent | Queen Anne's | Talbot | Baltimore | Hartford | Allegany | Garrett | Washington | Anne Arundel | Carroll | Howard | Frederick | Montgomery | Calvert | Charles | Prince George's | St. Mary's | Baltimore City | TOTALS |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|--------|
| LAW - TOTALS | 117 | 76 | 163 | 329 | 41 | 254 | 58 | 67 | 116 | 2461 | 371 | 325 | 111 | 301 | 1245 | 304 | 538 | 312 | 2640 | 152 | 191 | 2599 | 221 | 5732 | 18,724 |
| TORT: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Tort | 21 | 9 | 28 | 16 | 10 | 37 | 8 | 13 | 15 | 858 | 133 | 31 | 18 | 63 | 384 | 38 | 70 | 68 | 665 | 33 | 55 | 917 | 61 | 2363 | 5914 |
| Other Tort | 8 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 283 | 34 | 22 | 5 | 19 | 103 | 16 | 20 | 39 | 387 | 10 | 29 | 437 | 14 | 587 | 2052 |
| Consent Cases | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 3 | 109 | 230 |
| CONTRACT | 11 | 10 | 79 | 69 | 9 | 26 | 11 | 19 | 10 | 601 | 37 | 61 | 19 | 108 | 426 | 85 | 151 | 80 | 1058 | 7 | 62 | 766 | 40 | 870 | 4615 |
| CONFESSIONED JUDGMENTS | 18 | 18 | 30 | 53 | 5 | 63 | 17 | 9 | 51 | 110 | 10 | 96 | 17 | 24 | 72 | 102 | 151 | 51 | 146 | 10 | 10 | 87 | 35 | 186 | 1354 |
| CONDEMNATION | 2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 38 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 48 | 3 | 7 | 49 | 21 | 160 | 418 |
| OTHER LAW | 6 | 28 | 0 | 174 | 7 | 75 | 6 | 3 | 31 | 87 | 85 | 63 | 40 | 11 | 53 | 8 | 53 | 17 | 53 | 67 | 5 | 38 | 15 | 471 | 1396 |
| HABEAS CORPUS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Writs by Prisoners | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 33 | 3 | 36 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 4 | 113 | 290 |
| Other | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 92 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 89 | 238 |
| DEFECTIVE DELINQUENT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 0 | 65 | 116 |
| APPEALS: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| From District Court | 6 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 141 | 25 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 60 | 10 | 19 | 14 | 86 | 2 | 6 | 73 | 7 | 252 | 768 |
| From Administrative Agencies | 37 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 182 | 33 | 32 | 2 | 37 | 75 | 23 | 32 | 32 | 150 | 17 | 10 | 124 | 21 | 467 | 1333 |
| EQUITY - TOTALS | 644 | 225 | 825 | 562 | 248 | 926 | 212 | 183 | 243 | 5749 | 1324 | 794 | 190 | 897 | 4132 | 572 | 745 | 1029 | 4218 | 355 | 727 | 6809 | 505 | 11,320 | 43,434 |
| ADOPTION | 20 | 8 | 40 | 5 | 7 | 40 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 263 | 86 | 39 | 19 | 65 | 201 | 47 | 8 | 38 | 185 | 6 | 34 | 354 | 20 | 283 | 1802 |
| Petitions for Guardianship | 8 | 2 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 50 | 88 | 9 | 6 | 17 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 66 | 5 | 6 | 60 | 7 | 147 | 539 |
| DIVORCE, NULLITY, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAINTENANCE | 228 | 126 | 496 | 190 | 120 | 576 | 145 | 75 | 123 | 3551 | 611 | 505 | 89 | 559 | 2480 | 385 | 549 | 586 | 2382 | 129 | 201 | 4716 | 258 | 4935 | 24,015 |
| PATERNITY PETITIONS | 307 | 41 | 149 | 101 | 32 | 173 | 26 | 29 | 47 | 376 | 109 | 82 | 1 | 53 | 793 | 5 | 1 | 127 | 99 | 132 | 340 | 315 | 67 | 3379 | 6784 |
| FORECLOSURE | 18 | 14 | 49 | 130 | 13 | 35 | 6 | 58 | 12 | 179 | 64 | 25 | 14 | 24 | 122 | 28 | 39 | 94 | 187 | 31 | 27 | 509 | 31 | 403 | 2063 |
| OTHER | 63 | 34 | 75 | 132 | 72 | 97 | 20 | | 45 | 1330 | 366 | 134 | 61 | 179 | 519 | 102 | 146 | 178 | 1299 | 52 | 119 | 855 | 122 | 2173 | 8231 |
| CRIMINAL - TOTALS | 185 | 246 | 449 | 373 | 88 | 351 | 104 | 176 | 104 | 3369 | 521 | 245 | 136 | 518 | 2456 | 454 | 559 | 353 | 1832 | 116 | 391 | 2453 | 153 | 18,112 | 33,744 |
| DEPORTATION AND | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NON-SUPPORT | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 36 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 535 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 561 | 7 | 19 | 0 | 77 | 15 | 22 | 202 | 0 | 1206 | 2703 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 151 | 228 | 376 | 308 | 70 | 244 | 78 | 157 | 88 | 2389 | 413 | 127 | 119 | 412 | 1321 | 369 | 364 | 271 | 1483 | 72 | 331 | 1887 | 124 | 14,123 | 25,705 |
| APPEALS FROM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISTRICT COURT: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle | 11 | 7 | 27 | 31 | 2 | 39 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 280 | 62 | 37 | 5 | 42 | 151 | 63 | 109 | 41 | 124 | 8 | 13 | 166 | 11 | 819 | 2065 |
| Criminal | 16 | 8 | 42 | 24 | 7 | 22 | 16 | 8 | 9 | 115 | 42 | 79 | 7 | 57 | 213 | 12 | 67 | 39 | 138 | 14 | 19 | 140 | 18 | 1630 | 2742 |
| POST CONVICTION | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 58 | 0 | 334 | 529 |

*Juvenile Causes not included.

TABLE C-2

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES TERMINATED IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS *

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | Dorchester | Somerset | Wicomico | Worcester | Caroline | Cecil | Kent | Queen Anne's | Talbot | Baltimore | Hartford | Allegany | Garrett | Washington | Anne Arundel | Carroll | Howard | Frederick | Montgomery | Calvert | Charles | Prince George's | St. Mary's | Baltimore City | TOTALS |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------|------|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|------------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------|------------|---------|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|--------|
| LAW - TOTALS | 149 | 90 | 168 | 359 | 29 | 256 | 60 | 64 | 89 | 2208 | 382 | 206 | 97 | 275 | 1154 | 226 | 463 | 353 | 2994 | 172 | 211 | 2346 | 186 | 7343 | 19,880 |
| TORT: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Tort | 28 | 9 | 39 | 19 | 9 | 37 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 899 | 137 | 30 | 10 | 55 | 383 | 16 | 63 | 85 | 637 | 49 | 68 | 837 | 52 | 3319 | 6811 |
| Other Tort | 12 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 15 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 224 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 18 | 77 | 12 | 25 | 28 | 1016 | 13 | 24 | 419 | 10 | 805 | 2760 |
| Consent Cases | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 41 | 5 | 128 | 265 |
| CONTRACT | 18 | 18 | 84 | 78 | 6 | 34 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 480 | 51 | 31 | 20 | 98 | 396 | 48 | 116 | 113 | 974 | 11 | 66 | 589 | 40 | 953 | 4250 |
| CONFESSION JUDGMENTS | 17 | 16 | 16 | 49 | 4 | 68 | 22 | 17 | 49 | 106 | 13 | 99 | 19 | 29 | 64 | 99 | 144 | 54 | 146 | 11 | 10 | 81 | 36 | 200 | 1369 |
| CONDEMNATION | 8 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 25 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 74 | 6 | 105 | 429 |
| OTHER LAW | 12 | 30 | 4 | 192 | 5 | 57 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 47 | 81 | 0 | 32 | 22 | 28 | 5 | 29 | 12 | 22 | 53 | 9 | 114 | 15 | 882 | 1683 |
| HABEAS CORPUS: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Writs by Prisoners | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 30 | 3 | 27 | 4 | 4 | 27 | 4 | 118 | 265 |
| Other | 5 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 68 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 94 | 216 |
| DEFECTIVE DELINQUENT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 0 | 49 | 123 |
| APPEALS: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| From District Court | 8 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 130 | 23 | 15 | 2 | 12 | 72 | 11 | 24 | 19 | 47 | 2 | 12 | 62 | 9 | 194 | 677 |
| From Administrative Agencies | 38 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 23 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 133 | 27 | 7 | 3 | 20 | 54 | 22 | 22 | 27 | 55 | 14 | 9 | 50 | 9 | 496 | 1032 |
| EQUITY - TOTALS | 645 | 359 | 845 | 586 | 182 | 779 | 208 | 148 | 180 | 4796 | 1359 | 574 | 161 | 916 | 3345 | 493 | 623 | 1060 | 3056 | 361 | 713 | 4842 | 460 | 7893 | 34,584 |
| ADOPTION | 15 | 10 | 45 | 6 | 9 | 30 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 270 | 85 | 38 | 19 | 74 | 172 | 45 | 23 | 40 | 137 | 11 | 36 | 325 | 17 | 242 | 1685 |
| Petitions for Guardianship | 8 | 2 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 52 | 101 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 18 | 9 | 2 | 10 | 47 | 5 | 7 | 62 | 8 | 131 | 545 |
| DIVORCE, NULLITY, MAINTENANCE | 223 | 187 | 488 | 205 | 80 | 515 | 135 | 66 | 94 | 3025 | 682 | 375 | 79 | 554 | 2213 | 329 | 453 | 656 | 1886 | 158 | 218 | 3445 | 261 | 3422 | 19,749 |
| PATERNITY PETITIONS | 312 | 90 | 187 | 102 | 32 | 119 | 25 | 23 | 38 | 250 | 83 | 55 | 0 | 25 | 509 | 5 | 0 | 145 | 85 | 98 | 320 | 161 | 55 | 1945 | 4664 |
| FORECLOSURE | 20 | 26 | 51 | 168 | 12 | 31 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 126 | 87 | 27 | 8 | 30 | 70 | 26 | 43 | 48 | 98 | 24 | 22 | 346 | 30 | 367 | 1683 |
| OTHER | 67 | 44 | 58 | 99 | 46 | 78 | 19 | 37 | 31 | 1073 | 321 | 73 | 46 | 205 | 363 | 79 | 102 | 161 | 803 | 65 | 110 | 503 | 89 | 1786 | 6258 |
| CRIMINAL - TOTALS | 204 | 242 | 452 | 379 | 51 | 323 | 113 | 179 | 100 | 3576 | 508 | 205 | 165 | 686 | 2378 | 357 | 598 | 329 | 1652 | 120 | 371 | 2255 | 162 | 17,505 | 32,910 |
| DESERTION AND NON-SUPPORT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 373 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 80 | 358 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 62 | 11 | 3 | 16 | 0 | 1002 | 1955 |
| OTHER CRIMINAL | 162 | 215 | 372 | 303 | 43 | 239 | 80 | 158 | 83 | 2665 | 383 | 108 | 146 | 509 | 1640 | 253 | 401 | 250 | 1278 | 89 | 337 | 1926 | 131 | 14,032 | 25,803 |
| APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Criminal | 14 | 15 | 32 | 36 | 3 | 42 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 339 | 71 | 33 | 6 | 40 | 138 | 48 | 120 | 33 | 151 | 5 | 15 | 133 | 20 | 640 | 1950 |
| POST CONVICTION: | 24 | 9 | 44 | 31 | 3 | 32 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 162 | 47 | 63 | 9 | 57 | 235 | 26 | 76 | 44 | 152 | 12 | 13 | 137 | 9 | 1565 | 2784 |
| | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 43 | 2 | 266 | 418 |

* Juvenile Causes not included.

TABLE D-1

COMPARATIVE TABLE
LAW CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED *

| | 1968-69 | | 1969-70 | | 1970-71 | | 1971-72 | | 1972-73 | | 1973-74 | | 1974-75 | | 1975-76 | |
|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 148 | 153 | 158 | 121 | 134 | 130 | 78 | 87 | 102 | 96 | 90 | 111 | 136 | 153 | 117 | 149 |
| Somerset | 92 | 95 | 138 | 134 | 145 | 135 | 71 | 91 | 61 | 80 | 64 | 54 | 69 | 65 | 76 | 90 |
| Wicomico | 285 | 299 | 260 | 276 | 246 | 255 | 164 | 206 | 222 | 180 | 167 | 164 | 235 | 223 | 163 | 168 |
| Worcester | 184 | 177 | 217 | 223 | 230 | 220 | 138 | 167 | 181 | 140 | 369 | 325 | 436 | 359 | 329 | 359 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 143 | 113 | 176 | 173 | 202 | 205 | 62 | 117 | 73 | 86 | 61 | 65 | 45 | 49 | 41 | 29 |
| Cecil | 642 | 589 | 550 | 544 | 441 | 460 | 264 | 526 | 278 | 410 | 279 | 455 | 295 | 257 | 254 | 256 |
| Kent | 120 | 119 | 125 | 135 | 139 | 126 | 97 | 155 | 65 | 64 | 61 | 63 | 57 | 60 | 58 | 60 |
| Queen Anne's | 153 | 155 | 141 | 150 | 135 | 151 | 95 | 129 | 53 | 64 | 58 | 58 | 67 | 48 | 67 | 64 |
| Talbot | 123 | 118 | 149 | 194 | 120 | 111 | 116 | 116 | 88 | 99 | 84 | 120 | 82 | 85 | 116 | 89 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 2595 | 2488 | 2750 | 2762 | 2817 | 2862 | 2304 | 2893 | 2411 | 2468 | 2299 | 2302 | 2401 | 2354 | 2461 | 2208 |
| Harford | 617 | 724 | 543 | 464 | 490 | 482 | 362 | 424 | 365 | 394 | 400 | 433 | 400 | 435 | 371 | 382 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 479 | 464 | 501 | 416 | 447 | 590 | 279 | 307 | 241 | 278 | 232 | 176 | 311 | 201 | 325 | 206 |
| Garrett | 159 | 170 | 133 | 136 | 108 | 111 | 93 | 112 | 67 | 77 | 88 | 88 | 80 | 68 | 111 | 97 |
| Washington | 469 | 221 | 587 | 323 | 549 | 418 | 335 | 338 | 324 | 315 | 279 | 346 | 287 | 222 | 301 | 275 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 1542 | 1269 | 1461 | 1300 | 1494 | 1853 | 1067 | 1211 | 1104 | 1116 | 979 | 1124 | 1168 | 1378 | 1245 | 1154 |
| Carroll | 556 | 552 | 525 | 512 | 426 | 456 | 262 | 293 | 266 | 288 | 249 | 265 | 343 | 293 | 304 | 226 |
| Howard | 507 | 471 | 529 | 498 | 533 | 492 | 468 | 512 | 505 | 462 | 549 | 627 | 533 | 412 | 538 | 463 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 332 | 326 | 362 | 399 | 351 | 338 | 235 | 389 | 210 | 214 | 284 | 237 | 315 | 287 | 312 | 353 |
| Montgomery | 3530 | 2910 | 4042 | 3450 | 3413 | 2972 | 2049 | 2019 | 1896 | 1293 | 1981 | 1099 | 2488 | 1707 | 2640 | 2994 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 295 | 250 | 329 | 360 | 363 | 388 | 205 | 259 | 153 | 179 | 148 | 150 | 130 | 102 | 152 | 172 |
| Charles | 350 | 319 | 345 | 320 | 441 | 357 | 228 | 305 | 191 | 219 | 170 | 206 | 237 | 183 | 191 | 211 |
| Prince George's | 2757 | 2808 | 3089 | 2951 | 3122 | 2521 | 2173 | 2035 | 2245 | 2787 | 2277 | 2708 | 2537 | 2402 | 2599 | 2346 |
| St. Mary's | 253 | 236 | 275 | 259 | 253 | 203 | 170 | 298 | 162 | 152 | 167 | 128 | 199 | 155 | 221 | 186 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 8904 | 8099 | 9755 | 8855 | 10,837 | 9549 | 7706 | 10,196 | 7043 | 8846 | 6170 | 9312 | 6079 | 10,365 | 5732 | 7343 |
| STATE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 25,235 | 23,125 | 27,140 | 24,955 | 27,436 | 25,385 | 19,021 | 23,185 | 18,306 | 20,307 | 17,505 | 20,616 | 18,930 | 21,863 | 18,724 | 19,880 |

*Years 1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

TABLE D-2

COMPARATIVE TABLE
EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED*

| | 1968-69 | | 1969-70 | | 1970-71 | | 1971-72 | | 1972-73 | | 1973-74 | | 1974-75 | | 1975-76 | |
|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 260 | 311 | 231 | 198 | 242 | 303 | 251 | 235 | 311 | 310 | 286 | 298 | 471 | 448 | 644 | 645 |
| Somerset | 151 | 131 | 188 | 149 | 209 | 151 | 196 | 160 | 249 | 183 | 232 | 194 | 216 | 457 | 225 | 359 |
| Wicomico | 579 | 458 | 560 | 696 | 556 | 595 | 607 | 535 | 635 | 559 | 633 | 622 | 682 | 716 | 825 | 845 |
| Worcester | 193 | 204 | 204 | 206 | 283 | 261 | 261 | 248 | 291 | 240 | 387 | 377 | 468 | 408 | 562 | 586 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 134 | 148 | 108 | 103 | 136 | 134 | 162 | 143 | 205 | 215 | 183 | 237 | 210 | 180 | 248 | 182 |
| Cecil | 430 | 321 | 473 | 326 | 439 | 371 | 503 | 697 | 579 | 799 | 631 | 803 | 886 | 800 | 926 | 779 |
| Kent | 138 | 143 | 136 | 152 | 149 | 173 | 174 | 192 | 161 | 137 | 191 | 204 | 192 | 174 | 212 | 208 |
| Queen Anne's | 125 | 110 | 117 | 108 | 124 | 130 | 99 | 108 | 131 | 123 | 129 | 117 | 142 | 159 | 183 | 148 |
| Tnibot | 171 | 143 | 194 | 394 | 215 | 166 | 203 | 248 | 239 | 214 | 209 | 269 | 231 | 192 | 243 | 180 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 2847 | 2813 | 3170 | 3010 | 3490 | 2755 | 4076 | 6967 | 4292 | 4130 | 4738 | 4179 | 5095 | 4434 | 5749 | 4796 |
| Harford | 697 | 1122 | 753 | 692 | 780 | 771 | 789 | 653 | 859 | 740 | 940 | 729 | 1157 | 1338 | 1324 | 1359 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 532 | 533 | 556 | 702 | 615 | 540 | 643 | 504 | 602 | 576 | 548 | 539 | 651 | 471 | 794 | 574 |
| Garrett | 120 | 129 | 136 | 130 | 117 | 128 | 236 | 152 | 171 | 196 | 166 | 150 | 198 | 214 | 190 | 161 |
| Washington | 666 | 1168 | 786 | 664 | 706 | 606 | 724 | 617 | 803 | 671 | 723 | 652 | 812 | 671 | 897 | 916 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 1731 | 1799 | 1879 | 1783 | 1994 | 1793 | 2268 | 2145 | 2669 | 2651 | 2833 | 2378 | 3181 | 2534 | 4132 | 3345 |
| Carroll | 297 | 251 | 361 | 444 | 310 | 305 | 401 | 345 | 393 | 395 | 477 | 356 | 467 | 450 | 572 | 493 |
| Howard | 316 | 186 | 272 | 197 | 340 | 248 | 396 | 328 | 446 | 369 | 555 | 759 | 697 | 482 | 745 | 623 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 508 | 481 | 577 | 649 | 614 | 647 | 668 | 700 | 667 | 604 | 705 | 873 | 854 | 1216 | 1029 | 1060 |
| Montgomery | 2412 | 2245 | 2544 | 2553 | 2751 | 2480 | 2916 | 2800 | 4220 | 3636 | 3778 | 2759 | 3753 | 2581 | 4218 | 3056 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 174 | 171 | 222 | 194 | 248 | 300 | 239 | 226 | 246 | 201 | 294 | 202 | 235 | 228 | 355 | 361 |
| Charles | 242 | 258 | 228 | 185 | 241 | 202 | 272 | 243 | 372 | 334 | 407 | 424 | 476 | 444 | 727 | 713 |
| Prince George's | 4039 | 4435 | 4079 | 4077 | 4264 | 3828 | 4786 | 4385 | 4917 | 4625 | 5503 | 4818 | 5080 | 4429 | 6809 | 4842 |
| St. Mary's | 385 | 392 | 428 | 370 | 398 | 349 | 413 | 471 | 359 | 282 | 426 | 348 | 517 | 469 | 505 | 460 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 8002 | 7135 | 8325 | 7271 | 11,328 | 10,555 | 10,287 | 9496 | 10,478 | 9329 | 11,437 | 9151 | 11,729 | 8212 | 11,320 | 7893 |
| STATE | 25,149 | 25,087 | 26,527 | 25,253 | 30,549 | 27,791 | 31,570 | 32,598 | 34,295 | 31,519 | 36,411 | 31,438 | 38,400 | 31,707 | 43,434 | 34,584 |

*Years 1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

TABLE D-3

COMPARATIVE TABLE
CRIMINAL CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED*

| | 1968-69 | | 1969-70 | | 1970-71 | | 1971-72 | | 1972-73 | | 1973-74 | | 1974-75 | | 1975-76 | |
|-----------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 136 | 129 | 138 | 149 | 119 | 131 | 128 | 76 | 118 | 114 | 139 | 132 | 145 | 149 | 185 | 204 |
| Somerset | 79 | 53 | 133 | 85 | 57 | 141 | 98 | 81 | 109 | 112 | 101 | 84 | 202 | 212 | 246 | 242 |
| Wicomico | 233 | 232 | 203 | 220 | 481 | 531 | 375 | 295 | 297 | 314 | 441 | 328 | 394 | 377 | 449 | 452 |
| Worcester | 219 | 207 | 181 | 196 | 232 | 224 | 263 | 180 | 293 | 334 | 235 | 313 | 317 | 302 | 373 | 379 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 88 | 79 | 37 | 47 | 62 | 45 | 43 | 51 | 33 | 44 | 40 | 38 | 42 | 49 | 88 | 51 |
| Cecil | 205 | 212 | 271 | 244 | 248 | 201 | 198 | 216 | 194 | 249 | 281 | 249 | 331 | 293 | 351 | 323 |
| Kent | 171 | 175 | 217 | 199 | 109 | 105 | 73 | 94 | 80 | 76 | 79 | 94 | 116 | 77 | 104 | 113 |
| Queen Anne's | 93 | 60 | 127 | 133 | 103 | 132 | 59 | 54 | 76 | 60 | 100 | 94 | 151 | 131 | 176 | 179 |
| Talbot | 52 | 40 | 133 | 65 | 109 | 123 | 87 | 148 | 64 | 75 | 93 | 86 | 81 | 97 | 104 | 100 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 2036 | 2072 | 2424 | 2381 | 3023 | 2645 | 2596 | 2258 | 2305 | 2102 | 2252 | 2248 | 3155 | 2668 | 3369 | 3576 |
| Harford | 349 | 349 | 334 | 322 | 341 | 299 | 332 | 369 | 396 | 348 | 384 | 354 | 485 | 567 | 521 | 508 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 271 | 301 | 424 | 402 | 292 | 311 | 198 | 196 | 266 | 271 | 272 | 218 | 239 | 238 | 245 | 205 |
| Garrett | 62 | 52 | 91 | 82 | 135 | 136 | 77 | 85 | 78 | 67 | 79 | 66 | 80 | 49 | 136 | 165 |
| Washington | 221 | 190 | 229 | 186 | 332 | 288 | 234 | 265 | 301 | 359 | 446 | 448 | 593 | 412 | 518 | 686 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 1274 | 1030 | 1277 | 1329 | 1413 | 1444 | 1144 | 1080 | 1301 | 1260 | 1394 | 1427 | 1777 | 1788 | 2456 | 2378 |
| Carroll | 138 | 143 | 261 | 271 | 235 | 220 | 230 | 193 | 355 | 250 | 199 | 341 | 277 | 183 | 454 | 357 |
| Howard | 322 | 228 | 351 | 309 | 328 | 260 | 441 | 344 | 375 | 575 | 406 | 415 | 422 | 362 | 559 | 598 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 201 | 183 | 147 | 204 | 224 | 216 | 196 | 163 | 174 | 159 | 281 | 262 | 269 | 284 | 353 | 329 |
| Montgomery | 757 | 695 | 1000 | 859 | 865 | 1111 | 669 | 565 | 946 | 612 | 1027 | 900 | 1364 | 1324 | 1832 | 1652 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 161 | 170 | 168 | 157 | 232 | 257 | 98 | 124 | 117 | 108 | 143 | 91 | 110 | 195 | 116 | 120 |
| Charles | 266 | 268 | 241 | 219 | 273 | 225 | 166 | 232 | 312 | 216 | 336 | 317 | 382 | 323 | 391 | 371 |
| Prince George's | 1955 | 1995 | 2402 | 1981 | 2527 | 2400 | 1265 | 1727 | 1372 | 1058 | 1826 | 1675 | 2225 | 2455 | 2453 | 2255 |
| St. Mary's | 238 | 236 | 245 | 207 | 165 | 226 | 185 | 167 | 251 | 227 | 219 | 223 | 163 | 191 | 153 | 162 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 13,753 | 12,092 | 13,940 | 12,989 | 10,403 | 14,370 | 11,391 | 9643 | 11,268 | 11,543 | 13,830 | 16,164 | 16,286 | 14,826 | 18,112 | 17,505 |
| STATE | 23,280 | 21,191 | 24,974 | 23,336 | 22,308 | 26,041 | 20,546 | 18,606 | 21,081 | 20,533 | 24,603 | 26,567 | 29,606 | 27,552 | 33,744 | 32,910 |

*Years 1973-74 through 1975-76 reflect period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

TABLE E

CASES TRIED

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | Totals | LAW | | EQUITY | CRIMINAL | |
|-----------------|---------|------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| | | Jury | Non-Jury | | Jury | Non-Jury |
| FIRST CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 441 | 18 | 23 | 289 | 38 | 73 |
| Somerset | 334 | 6 | 8 | 195 | 42 | 83 |
| Wicomico | 397 | 16 | 32 | 54 | 14 | 281 |
| Worcester | 319 | 11 | 18 | 90 | 11 | 189 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 78 | 3 | 4 | 44 | 6 | 21 |
| Cecil | 590 | 14 | 19 | 397 | 71 | 89 |
| Kent | 106 | 10 | 13 | 30 | 29 | 24 |
| Queen Anne's | 91 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 12 | 57 |
| Talbot | 208 | 3 | 11 | 92 | 18 | 84 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 5014 | 243 | 390 | 2757 | 120 | 1504 |
| Harford | 999 | 20 | 54 | 510 | 42 | 373 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 338 | 8 | 13 | 137 | 29 | 151 |
| Garrett | 147 | 3 | 14 | 47 | 12 | 71 |
| Washington | 619 | 25 | 29 | 273 | 74 | 218 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 2254 | 83 | 144 | 732 | 53 | 1242 |
| Carroll | 567 | 7 | 40 | 261 | 14 | 245 |
| Howard | 924 | 31 | 118 | 405 | 26 | 344 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 904 | 17 | 18 | 681 | 17 | 171 |
| Montgomery | 2788 | 129 | 179 | 1739 | 167 | 574 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 173 | 25 | 18 | 46 | 30 | 54 |
| Charles | 419 | 24 | 12 | 250 | 52 | 81 |
| Prince George's | 4476 | 211 | 317 | 2712 | 278 | 958 |
| St. Mary's | 286 | 12 | 30 | 99 | 24 | 121 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 12, 493 | 281 | 919 | 2301 | 791 | 8201 |
| STATE | 34, 965 | 1206 | 2427 | 14, 153 | 1970 | 15, 209 |

TABLE F-1

JUVENILE CAUSES FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | FILED | | | | TERMINATED | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|---|-------|------------|-------------|---|-------|
| | Total | Delinquency | C.I.N.A. or C.I.N.S. ^a | Adult | Total | Delinquency | C.I.N.A. or C.I.N.S. ^a | Adult |
| FIRST CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 568 | 451 | 114 | 3 | 505 | 401 | 101 | 3 |
| Dorchester County | 158 | 114 | 44 | 0 | 157 | 114 | 43 | 0 |
| Somerset County | 91 | 80 | 10 | 1 | 75 | 66 | 9 | 0 |
| Wicomico County | 213 | 166 | 45 | 2 | 156 | 116 | 37 | 3 |
| Worcester County | 106 | 91 | 15 | 0 | 117 | 105 | 12 | 0 |
| SECOND CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 496 | 370 | 120 | 6 | 442 | 329 | 108 | 5 |
| Caroline County | 55 | 24 | 31 | 0 | 41 | 23 | 18 | 0 |
| Cecil County | 197 | 178 | 19 | 0 | 179 | 162 | 17 | 0 |
| Kent County | 110 | 70 | 34 | 6 | 105 | 61 | 39 | 5 |
| Queen Anne's County | 62 | 49 | 13 | 0 | 53 | 44 | 9 | 0 |
| Talbot | 72 | 49 | 23 | 0 | 64 | 39 | 25 | 0 |
| THIRD CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 2342 | 1920 | 418 | 4 | 2308 | 1887 | 417 | 4 |
| Baltimore County | 1798 | 1457 | 339 | 2 | 1711 | 1380 | 327 | 4 |
| Harford County | 544 | 463 | 79 | 2 | 597 | 507 | 90 | 0 |
| FOURTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 1103 | 670 | 350 | 83 | 979 | 637 | 266 | 76 |
| Allegany County | 460 | 206 | 181 | 73 | 385 | 178 | 143 | 64 |
| Garrett County | 119 | 83 | 27 | 9 | 124 | 85 | 30 | 9 |
| Washington County | 524 | 381 | 142 | 1 | 470 | 374 | 93 | 3 |
| FIFTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 2412 | 1967 | 442 | 3 | 2138 | 1731 | 406 | 1 |
| Anne Arundel County | 1833 | 1474 | 359 | 0 | 1638 | 1314 | 324 | 0 |
| Carroll County | 260 | 211 | 46 | 3 | 240 | 192 | 47 | 1 |
| Howard County | 319 | 282 | 37 | 0 | 260 | 225 | 35 | 0 |
| SIXTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 3272 | 2120 | 1122 | 30 | 2691 | 1643 | 1022 | 26 |
| Frederick County | 195 | 140 | 55 | 0 | 172 | 117 | 54 | 1 |
| Montgomery County ^b | 3077 | 1980 | 1067 | 30 | 2519 | 1526 | 968 | 25 |
| SEVENTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL | 5505 | 4811 | 688 | 6 | 5635 | 4882 | 749 | 4 |
| Calvert County | 141 | 112 | 29 | 0 | 178 | 123 | 54 | 1 |
| Charles County | 450 | 363 | 86 | 1 | 436 | 347 | 86 | 3 |
| Prince George's County | 4704 | 4156 | 546 | 2 | 4798 | 4211 | 587 | 0 |
| St. Mary's County | 210 | 180 | 27 | 3 | 223 | 201 | 22 | 0 |
| EIGHTH CIRCUIT | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 12, 675 | 11, 947 | 722 | 6 | 15, 670 | 14, 756 | 910 | 4 |
| STATE TOTALS | 28, 373 | 24, 256 | 3976 | 141 | 30, 368 | 26, 266 | 3979 | 123 |

^a/ Child in Need of Assistance or Child in Need of Supervision

^b/ Juvenile Causes heard at the District Court level.

TABLE F-2

COMPOSITE TABLE OF JUVENILE CAUSES
FILED AND TERMINATED IN THE
COURTS OF MARYLAND
1968 to 1976*

| | 1968-69 | | 1969-70 | | 1970-71 | | 1971-72 | | 1972-73 | | 1973-74 | | 1974-75 | | 1975-76 | |
|------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T | F | T |
| TOTALS | 17886 | 18552 | 18335 | 18856 | 21916 | 19839 | 25498 | 21488 | 22871 | 21182 | 24527 | 22784 | 25330 | 24760 | 28373 | 30368 |
| Allegany County | 394 | 401 | 337 | 334 | 365 | 375 | 358 | 359 | 288 | 279 | 343 | 355 | 423 | 426 | 460 | 385 |
| Anne Arundel County | 1102 | 1180 | 1246 | 1145 | 1057 | 1481 | 1096 | 1124 | 1338 | 1460 | 1375 | 1278 | 1437 | 1276 | 1833 | 1638 |
| Baltimore City | 6448 | 6853 | 6434 | 6982 | 10333 | 7803 | 13754 | 9312 | 10773 | 9192 | 10872 | 9332 | 11322 | 10832 | 12675 | 15670 |
| Baltimore County | 2352 | 2421 | 2074 | 2067 | 2038 | 2030 | 1904 | 2072 | 1828 | 1838 | 1918 | 1968 | 1742 | 1736 | 1798 | 1711 |
| Calvert County | 63 | 73 | 60 | 42 | 63 | 61 | 81 | 95 | 107 | 90 | 123 | 94 | 254 | 262 | 141 | 178 |
| Caroline County | 96 | 96 | 72 | 72 | 56 | 60 | 64 | 60 | 44 | 45 | 41 | 55 | 48 | 42 | 55 | 41 |
| Carroll County | 137 | 130 | 118 | 125 | 132 | 145 | 161 | 167 | 139 | 134 | 233 | 200 | 228 | 243 | 260 | 240 |
| Cecil County | 206 | 204 | 190 | 163 | 190 | 246 | 199 | 268 | 154 | 152 | 179 | 183 | 192 | 200 | 197 | 179 |
| Charles County | 133 | 137 | 160 | 121 | 145 | 123 | 195 | 210 | 201 | 139 | 282 | 260 | 334 | 375 | 450 | 436 |
| Dorchester County | 139 | 131 | 117 | 107 | 95 | 92 | 114 | 131 | 155 | 158 | 172 | 161 | 158 | 172 | 158 | 157 |
| Frederick County | 73 | 72 | 109 | 104 | 88 | 91 | 140 | 132 | 164 | 166 | 209 | 234 | 182 | 173 | 195 | 172 |
| Garrett County | 68 | 71 | 48 | 43 | 119 | 119 | 101 | 88 | 116 | 115 | 102 | 89 | 101 | 77 | 119 | 124 |
| Harford County | 521 | 501 | 319 | 313 | 318 | 317 | 379 | 377 | 314 | 314 | 445 | 444 | 535 | 488 | 544 | 597 |
| Howard County | 290 | 253 | 285 | 232 | 289 | 298 | 318 | 413 | 264 | 203 | 308 | 383 | 356 | 419 | 319 | 260 |
| Kent County | 97 | 98 | 102 | 97 | 84 | 98 | 55 | 55 | 72 | 70 | 71 | 70 | 43 | 51 | 110 | 105 |
| Montgomery County | 1620 | 1626 | 1712 | 1877 | 1475 | 1634 | 1218 | 1350 | 1546 | 1378 | 2088 | 1844 | 1859 | 2011 | 3077 | 2519 |
| Prince George's County | 3092 | 3216 | 3751 | 3873 | 3767 | 3581 | 4085 | 4020 | 4061 | 4111 | 4361 | 4399 | 4735 | 4616 | 4704 | 4798 |
| Queen Anne's County | 154 | 151 | 153 | 138 | 191 | 172 | 125 | 127 | 73 | 83 | 110 | 110 | 74 | 77 | 62 | 53 |
| St. Mary's County | 172 | 228 | 134 | 130 | 112 | 121 | 204 | 167 | 200 | 212 | 272 | 263 | 237 | 270 | 210 | 223 |
| Somerset County | 37 | 40 | 42 | 47 | 73 | 73 | 59 | 62 | 62 | 69 | 54 | 48 | 60 | 58 | 91 | 45 |
| Talbot County | 52 | 37 | 40 | 45 | 78 | 61 | 64 | 66 | 57 | 58 | 96 | 98 | 68 | 66 | 72 | 64 |
| Washington County | 427 | 432 | 583 | 583 | 597 | 596 | 483 | 487 | 589 | 581 | 578 | 612 | 580 | 542 | 524 | 470 |
| Wicomico County | 147 | 146 | 139 | 127 | 151 | 159 | 229 | 224 | 234 | 242 | 202 | 219 | 199 | 197 | 213 | 156 |
| Worcester County | 66 | 55 | 110 | 89 | 100 | 103 | 112 | 122 | 92 | 93 | 93 | 85 | 163 | 151 | 106 | 117 |

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Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

TABLE F - 3

JUVENILE DISPOSITIONS

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| COUNTY | a. Jurisdiction waived | b. Dismissed | c. Probation | d. Institutional Commitment | e. Charge not sustained | f. Other conclusion or disposition | TOTALS |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| Allegany | 1 | 29 | 97 | 29 | 11 | 218 | 385 |
| Anne Arundel | 8 | 13 | 491 | 179 | 148 | 799 | 1638 |
| Baltimore City | 450 | 1446 | 3835 | 1658 | 507 | 7774 | 15,670 |
| Baltimore | 69 | 58 | 482 | 224 | 291 | 587 | 1711 |
| Calvert | 4 | 2 | 76 | 22 | 2 | 72 | 178 |
| Caroline | 1 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 41 |
| Carroll | 6 | 0 | 60 | 10 | 20 | 144 | 240 |
| Cecil | 11 | 24 | 45 | 36 | 28 | 35 | 179 |
| Charles | 5 | 9 | 191 | 28 | 22 | 181 | 436 |
| Dorchester | 23 | 1 | 29 | 38 | 35 | 31 | 157 |
| Frederick | 7 | 4 | 87 | 15 | 15 | 44 | 172 |
| Garrett | 5 | 0 | 47 | 31 | 3 | 38 | 124 |
| Harford | 17 | 42 | 195 | 58 | 24 | 261 | 597 |
| Howard | 5 | 21 | 110 | 13 | 26 | 85 | 260 |
| Kent | 8 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 7 | 63 | 105 |
| Montgomery | 78 | 235 | 614 | 534 | 268 | 790 | 2519 |
| Prince George's | 79 | 582 | 1321 | 240 | 426 | 2150 | 4798 |
| Queen Anne's | 1 | 0 | 20 | 14 | 1 | 17 | 53 |
| St. Mary's | 8 | 5 | 91 | 11 | 7 | 101 | 223 |
| Somerset | 18 | 1 | 28 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 75 |
| Talbot | 3 | 12 | 25 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 64 |
| Washington | 27 | 14 | 208 | 68 | 51 | 102 | 470 |
| Wicomico | 25 | 16 | 53 | 41 | 3 | 18 | 156 |
| Worcester | 24 | 11 | 38 | 5 | 10 | 29 | 117 |
| State Totals | 883 | 2535 | 8162 | 3294 | 1920 | 13,574 | 30,368 |

VI

THE DISTRICT COURT

THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND^a

CHIEF JUDGE

Hon. Robert F. Sweeney 5/3/71

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|----------|
| Hon. Carl W. Bacharach | 7/5/71 | Hon. Edward O. Thomas ^b | 7/5/71 |
| Hon. Aaron A. Baer | 7/5/71 | Hon. Byron W. Thompson | 7/5/71 |
| Hon. Solomon Baylor | 7/5/71 | Hon. John C. Tracey | 7/5/71 |
| Hon. Stanley Y. Bennett | 7/5/71 | Hon. Richard V. Waldron | 7/5/71 |
| Hon. J. Louis Boublitz | 7/5/71 | Hon. Fred E. Waldrop | 7/5/71 |
| Hon. Miller Bowen | 7/5/71 | Hon. Frederick C. Wright, III ^b | 7/5/71 |
| Hon. Thomas R. Brooks | 7/5/71 | | |
| Hon. Walter E. Buck, Jr. | 7/5/71 | Hon. Daniel Friedman | 1/10/72 |
| Hon. Allen E. Buzzell | 7/5/71 | Hon. William T. Evans ^b | 4/12/72 |
| Hon. Clayton C. Carter ^b | 7/5/71 | Hon. Paul E. Alpert | 7/7/72 |
| Hon. William M. Cave | 7/5/71 | Hon. Vincent J. Femia | 7/10/72 |
| Hon. Howard S. Chasanow | 7/5/71 | | |
| Hon. Thomas J. Curley ^b | 7/5/71 | Hon. Sol J. Friedman | 4/24/73 |
| Hon. Robert W. Dallas | 7/5/71 | Hon. Frederick W. Invernizzi | 4/24/73 |
| Hon. Milton Gerson | 7/5/71 | Hon. Raymond G. Thieme, Jr. | 6/22/73 |
| Hon. Robert J. Gerstung | 7/5/71 | Hon. Kenneth A. Wilcox | 7/23/73 |
| Hon. William D. Gould | 7/5/71 | Hon. Edward F. Borgerding ^b | 8/6/73 |
| Hon. Edward D. Hardesty | 7/5/71 | Hon. Robert F. Fischer | 8/6/73 |
| Hon. David A. Harkness ^b | 7/5/71 | Hon. Martin A. Kircher | 8/14/73 |
| Hon. Robert S. Heise | 7/5/71 | | |
| Hon. J. William Hinkel | 7/5/71 | Hon. L. Leonard Ruben | 4/26/74 |
| Hon. Cullen H. Holmes | 7/5/71 | Hon. James L. Bundy | 8/16/74 |
| Hon. Lewis R. Jones ^b | 7/5/71 | Hon. Alan M. Resnick | 8/20/74 |
| Hon. James E. Kardash | 7/5/71 | Hon. Charles W. Woodward, Jr. | 9/13/74 |
| Hon. Charles J. Kelly ^b | 7/5/71 | Hon. James J. Welsh, Jr. | 10/18/74 |
| Hon. I. Sewell Lamdin | 7/5/71 | | |
| Hon. Harold Lewis | 7/5/71 | Hon. Robert M. Bell | 1/2/75 |
| Hon. Douglas H. Moore, Jr. | 7/5/71 | Hon. Stanley Klavan | 2/21/75 |
| Hon. Vern J. Munger, Jr. | 7/5/71 | Hon. David N. Bates | 5/22/75 |
| Hon. William H. Murphy, Sr. | 7/5/71 | Hon. Robert H. Mason | 7/17/75 |
| Hon. Vernon L. Neilson | 7/5/71 | Hon. William B. Yates, II | 8/1/75 |
| Hon. J. Thomas Nissel ^b | 7/5/71 | | |
| Hon. John C. North, II | 7/5/71 | Hon. Joseph A. Ciotola | 1/14/76 |
| Hon. Harry St. A. O'Neill | 7/5/71 | Hon. Sylvania W. Woods | 1/28/76 |
| Hon. James Magruder Reab | 7/5/71 | Hon. Richard J. Clark | 2/6/76 |
| Hon. Jerome Robinson | 7/5/71 | Hon. L. Edgar Brown | 3/11/76 |
| Hon. Calvin R. Sanders ^b | 7/5/71 | Hon. Gerard W. Wittstadt | 4/9/76 |
| Hon. Werner G. Schoeler | 7/5/71 | Hon. Robert D. Horsey | 4/19/76 |
| Hon. Edgar P. Silver | 7/5/71 | Hon. Martin S. Becker | 8/2/76 |
| Hon. Donald M. Smith | 7/5/71 | Hon. John P. Rellas | 9/3/76 |
| Hon. William O. E. Sterling | 7/5/71 | Hon. Irving H. Fisher | 9/16/76 |
| Hon. Henry W. Stichel, Jr. | 7/5/71 | Hon. Hilary D. Caplan | 10/20/76 |
| Hon. George M. Taylor | 7/5/71 | | |

^a/ In order of seniority. See appendix for biographies of recently-appointed members of the Court.

^b/ District Administrative Judge.

CHIEF CLERK

Margaret P. Kostritsky

ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK, FISCAL OPERATIONS

Thomas H. Meushaw, Jr.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK, ADMINISTRATION

Michael V. O'Malley

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CLERKS

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| John J. Kolarik | (District One) | John Hisley | (District Seven) |
| Thomas H. White | (District Two) | Joseph T. O'Melia | (District Eight) |
| James F. Stewart | (District Three) | Edward L. Utz | (District Nine) |
| Dennis T. Fean | (District Four) | Martha Bush | (District Ten) |
| James B. Berry, Jr. | (District Five) | Charles L. Schleigh | (District Eleven) |
| Jeffrey L. Ward | (District Six) | James S. Stafford | (District Twelve) |

Ten members of the District Court of Maryland have qualified for office since the last publication of this report.

Judge Joseph A. Ciotola qualified for office on January 14, 1976 in Baltimore City succeeding Judge William M. Hudnet who voluntarily retired December 31, 1975. Judge Sylvania W. Woods filled a vacancy in Prince George's County on January 28, 1976 created by the death of Judge Henry P. Johnson. In Charles County Judge Richard J. Clark was sworn in on February 6, 1976, succeeding the Honorable George W. Bowling who was elevated to the Circuit Court. Judge David A. Harkness succeeded Judge Bowling as Administrative Judge. The Honorable L. Edgar Brown filled a vacancy in Caroline County on March 11, 1976 which had existed since the establishment of the District Court in 1971.

Judge Gerard W. Wittstadt succeeded Judge Edward A. DeWaters, Jr. on April 9, 1976 upon the latter's elevation to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. On April 19, 1976 Judge Robert D. Horsey filled the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Lloyd L. Simpkins to the Circuit Court for Somerset County.

The Honorable J. Hodge Smith of Montgomery County voluntarily retired on August 1, 1976 and was succeeded by Judge Martin S. Becker on August 2, 1976. Judge Calvin R. Sanders was named to Judge Smith's position as Administrative Judge.

On September 3, 1976 Judge John P. Rellas succeeded Judge William R. Buchanan who was elevated to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Judge Irving H. Fisher of Prince George's County filled a vacancy on September 16, 1976 caused by the elevation of Judge Robert J. Woods to the Circuit Court for

Prince George's County. On October 20, 1976 Judge Hilary D. Caplan succeeded Judge Henry L. Rogers of Baltimore City who retired for medical reasons on April 1, 1976. Judge Edgar L. Smith of Prince George's County also retired for medical reasons on November 29, 1976. His successor has not been named.

The caseload of the District Court continues to increase as 677, 673 motor vehicle, 152, 993 criminal and 332, 812 civil cases were processed from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. These figures represent increases of 17.6 percent, 11.0 percent and 11.2 percent over the previous year. Motor vehicle cases disposed of by trial numbered 183, 657 (27.1 percent) with Baltimore City accounting for the largest number, 54, 873, followed by Baltimore County with 38, 906.

A total of 110, 576 persons were charged with 152, 993 criminal acts during the year. The number of defendants held for action by the grand jury numbered 10, 628 while 5, 330 defendants elected a jury trial at the circuit court level. Baltimore City recorded the highest figures, 46, 277 defendants and 67, 614 charges. Prince George's County registered 13, 363 defendants and 17, 166 charges while Baltimore County tallied 11, 572 defendants and 17, 560 charges.

In civil matters landlord and tenant disputes accounted for 234, 247 cases or 70.4 percent of the workload. There were 155, 775 civil cases filed in Baltimore City of which 124, 752 (80.1 percent) were landlord and tenant matters. Prince George's docketed more civil cases than any other county,

67, 034, followed by Baltimore with 42, 303. Statewide, 30, 718 civil matters were contested with 11, 927 occurring in Baltimore City.

In addition to handling a high volume caseload with great efficiency, the District Court once again rendered much assistance in judicial manpower to the circuit courts throughout the state. Statistical information regarding the caseload of the District Court will be found on the following pages of this report.

POPULATION AND CASELOAD PER JUDGE*

| | Number of Judges | Population** Per Judge | Cases Filed Per Judge | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|
| | | | Civil | Motor Vehicle | Criminal |
| DISTRICT 1 | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 22 | 37, 014 | 7081 | 4548 | 3073 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 1 | 29, 300 | 976 | 5500 | 1325 |
| Somerset | 1 | 19, 300 | 704 | 3078 | 1089 |
| Wicomico | 1 | 59, 100 | 2009 | 9961 | 2323 |
| Worcester | 1 | 27, 700 | 1442 | 8503 | 2670 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | |
| Caroline | 1 | 20, 400 | 410 | 3271 | 596 |
| Cecil | 2 | 27, 450 | 574 | 15, 615 | 891 |
| Kent | 1 | 16, 600 | 541 | 2414 | 637 |
| Queen Anne's | 1 | 20, 200 | 427 | 5719 | 397 |
| Talbot | 1 | 25, 700 | 493 | 6642 | 977 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | | |
| Calvert | 1 | 27, 500 | 546 | 6884 | 700 |
| Charles | 1 | 62, 700 | 937 | 11, 288 | 1963 |
| St. Mary's | 1 | 55, 000 | 882 | 7761 | 1707 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | | |
| Prince George's | 9 | 77, 489 | 7448 | 14, 054 | 1907 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | | | |
| Montgomery | 6*** | 98, 767 | 4221 | 14, 392 | 1247 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 6 | 57, 417 | 2621 | 7641 | 1943 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 12 | 54, 925 | 3525 | 7980 | 1463 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | | | |
| Harford | 2 | 67, 100 | 2495 | 17, 316 | 1589 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | | | |
| Carroll | 1 | 82, 500 | 1760 | 11, 048 | 1469 |
| Howard | 2 | 51, 700 | 1831 | 10, 198 | 1301 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | | | |
| Frederick | 2 | 48, 550 | 996 | 11, 013 | 1454 |
| Washington | 2 | 54, 150 | 1199 | 10, 397 | 1167 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | | | |
| Allegany | 2 | 40, 200 | 465 | 4271 | 1181 |
| Garrett | 1 | 23, 300 | 398 | 3488 | 503 |
| STATE | 80 | 51, 944 | 4160 | 8471 | 1912 |

*Chief Judge of District Court not included in statistics.

**Population Estimate for July 1, 1976, issued by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

***Two Juvenile Court judges and number of Juvenile Causes not included in statistics.

CIVIL CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES | | CONTRACT AND TORT CASES | | OTHER CASES | | TOTALS | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | <u>Filed</u> | <u>Contested</u> | <u>Filed</u> | <u>Contested</u> | <u>Filed</u> | <u>Contested</u> | <u>Filed</u> | <u>Contested</u> |
| DISTRICT 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 124,752 | 8488 | 29,261 | 2855 | 1762 | 584 | 155,775 | 11,927 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 310 | 2 | 603 | 3 | 63 | 14 | 976 | 19 |
| Somerset | 73 | 35 | 561 | 70 | 70 | 11 | 704 | 116 |
| Wicomico | 436 | 8 | 1408 | 167 | 165 | 128 | 2009 | 303 |
| Worcester | 101 | 37 | 1052 | 143 | 289 | 54 | 1442 | 234 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Caroline | 48 | 12 | 315 | 16 | 47 | 10 | 410 | 39 |
| Cecil | 220 | 67 | 795 | 66 | 133 | 34 | 1148 | 167 |
| Kent | 32 | 9 | 484 | 29 | 25 | 1 | 541 | 39 |
| Queen Anne's | 20 | 3 | 395 | 34 | 12 | 0 | 427 | 37 |
| Talbot | 47 | 7 | 426 | 38 | 20 | 8 | 493 | 53 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Calvert | 40 | 9 | 471 | 48 | 35 | 4 | 546 | 61 |
| Charles | 70 | 26 | 713 | 56 | 154 | 37 | 937 | 119 |
| St. Mary's | 151 | 50 | 625 | 52 | 106 | 51 | 882 | 153 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Prince George's | 50,735 | 4223 | 14,493 | 2530 | 1806 | 598 | 67,034 | 7351 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Montgomery* | 13,804 | 597 | 10,657 | 1462 | 867 | 146 | 25,328 | 2205 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 8420 | 418 | 6541 | 1061 | 767 | 304 | 15,728 | 1783 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 28,677 | 1737 | 12,171 | 2364 | 1455 | 144 | 42,303 | 4245 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Harford | 2537 | 157 | 2241 | 291 | 211 | 42 | 4989 | 490 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | | | | | | |
| Carroll | 383 | 40 | 1241 | 70 | 136 | 45 | 1760 | 155 |
| Howard | 1883 | 149 | 1647 | 212 | 132 | 37 | 3662 | 398 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | | | | | | |
| Frederick | 529 | 34 | 1234 | 77 | 229 | 36 | 1992 | 147 |
| Washington | 842 | 103 | 1371 | 183 | 185 | 67 | 2398 | 353 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | | | | | | |
| Allegany | 105 | 59 | 760 | 233 | 65 | 19 | 930 | 311 |
| Garrett | 32 | 0 | 316 | 9 | 50 | 5 | 398 | 14 |
| STATE | 234,247 | 16,270 | 89,781 | 12,069 | 8784 | 2379 | 332,812 | 30,718 |

* Juvenile Causes not included.

MOTOR VEHICLE CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | <u>CASES TRIED</u> | <u>CASES PAID</u> | <u>TOTAL CASES</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| DISTRICT 1 | | | |
| Baltimore City | 54, 873 | 45, 177 | 100, 050 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | |
| Dorchester | 796 | 4, 704 | 5, 500 |
| Somerset | 329 | 2, 749 | 3, 078 |
| Wicomico | 1, 406 | 8, 555 | 9, 961 |
| Worcester | 1, 234 | 7, 269 | 8, 503 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | |
| Caroline | 320 | 2, 951 | 3, 271 |
| Cecil | 2, 420 | 28, 809 | 31, 229 |
| Kent | 226 | 2, 188 | 2, 414 |
| Queen Anne's | 474 | 5, 245 | 5, 719 |
| Talbot | 968 | 5, 674 | 6, 642 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | |
| Calvert | 983 | 5, 901 | 6, 884 |
| Charles | 1, 606 | 9, 682 | 11, 288 |
| St. Mary's | 1, 257 | 6, 504 | 7, 761 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | |
| Prince George's | 22, 454 | 104, 033 | 126, 487 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | |
| Montgomery | 14, 219 | 72, 135 | 86, 354 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 17, 569 | 28, 278 | 45, 847 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | |
| Baltimore | 38, 906 | 56, 857 | 95, 763 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | |
| Harford | 7, 983 | 26, 648 | 34, 631 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | |
| Carroll | 2, 353 | 8, 695 | 11, 048 |
| Howard | 5, 237 | 15, 159 | 20, 396 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | |
| Frederick | 3, 012 | 19, 013 | 22, 025 |
| Washington | 2, 268 | 18, 525 | 20, 793 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | |
| Allegany | 2, 222 | 6, 319 | 8, 541 |
| Garrett | 542 | 2, 946 | 3, 488 |
| STATE | 183, 657 | 494, 016 | 677, 673 |

CRIMINAL CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

| | <u>TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CHARGED</u> | <u>DEFENDANTS HELD FOR GRAND JURY</u> | <u>DEFENDANTS PRAYING JURY TRIAL</u> | <u>TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES</u> |
|-----------------|---|---|--|--|
| DISTRICT 1 | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 46, 277 | 3108 | 3260 | 67, 614 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | |
| Dorchester | 1120 | 61 | 44 | 1325 |
| Somerset | 787 | 162 | 51 | 1089 |
| Wicomico | 1720 | 314 | 101 | 2323 |
| Worcester | 1645 | 178 | 53 | 2670 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | |
| Caroline | 436 | 53 | 10 | 596 |
| Cecil | 1437 | 231 | 83 | 1781 |
| Kent | 400 | 53 | 15 | 637 |
| Queen Anne's | 298 | 28 | 30 | 397 |
| Talbot | 604 | 50 | 21 | 977 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | |
| Calvert | 622 | 73 | 2 | 700 |
| Charles | 1559 | 148 | 33 | 1963 |
| St. Mary's | 1441 | 114 | 1 | 1707 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | |
| Prince George's | 13, 363 | 1567 | 305 | 17, 166 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | | |
| Montgomery | 6582 | 710 | 257 | 7481 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 8830 | 834 | 115 | 11, 655 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | | |
| Baltimore | 11, 572 | 1631 | 468 | 17, 560 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | | |
| Harford | 2399 | 250 | 108 | 3177 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | | |
| Carroll | 947 | 127 | 37 | 1469 |
| Howard | 1980 | 303 | 103 | 2602 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | | |
| Frederick | 2319 | 211 | 83 | 2907 |
| Washington | 1986 | 264 | 107 | 2333 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | | |
| Allegany | 1858 | 101 | 36 | 2361 |
| Garrett | 394 | 57 | 7 | 503 |
| STATE | 110, 576 | 10, 628 | 5330 | 152, 993 |

COMPARATIVE CIVIL CASES FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

| | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT 1 | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 151, 860 | 148, 556 | 167, 230 | 154, 696 | 155, 775 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 548 | 543 | 378 | 663 | 976 |
| Somerset | 339 | 380 | 419 | 456 | 704 |
| Wicomico | 1191 | 1295 | 1516 | 1778 | 2009 |
| Worcester | 853 | 1035 | 1411 | 1446 | 1442 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | |
| Caroline | 258 | 290 | 294 | 282 | 410 |
| Cecil | 684 | 702 | 853 | 998 | 1148 |
| Kent | 271 | 320 | 341 | 351 | 541 |
| Queen Anne's | 204 | 299 | 225 | 312 | 427 |
| Talbot | 158 | 203 | 304 | 330 | 493 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | | |
| Calvert | 201 | 339 | 473 | 528 | 546 |
| Charles | 660 | 696 | 668 | 883 | 937 |
| St. Mary's | 579 | 818 | 690 | 822 | 882 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | | |
| Prince George's | 26, 442 | 35, 616 | 48, 562 | 54, 036 | 67, 034 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | | | |
| Montgomery | 9708 | 12, 785 | 16, 431 | 20, 892 | 25, 328 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 6033 | 9552 | 10, 870 | 12, 151 | 15, 728 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 19, 375 | 22, 829 | 28, 863 | 33, 957 | 42, 303 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | | | |
| Harford | 2231 | 2693 | 3822 | 4847 | 4989 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | | | |
| Carroll | 902 | 879 | 1163 | 1457 | 1760 |
| Howard | 1355 | 1802 | 2522 | 3146 | 3662 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | | | |
| Frederick | 870 | 1213 | 1358 | 1763 | 1992 |
| Washington | 1170 | 1788 | 1701 | 2176 | 2398 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | | | |
| Allegany | 887 | 922 | 886 | 872 | 930 |
| Garrett | 223 | 273 | 357 | 359 | 398 |
| STATE | 227, 002 | 245, 828 | 291, 337 | 299, 201 | 332, 812 |

COMPARATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

| | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT 1 | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 101, 894 | 104, 812 | 110, 772 | 102, 640 | 100, 050 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 4731 | 2750 | 3370 | 2863 | 5500 |
| Somerset | 2265 | 1758 | 1831 | 1815 | 3078 |
| Wicomico | 8102 | 8100 | 8057 | 8379 | 9961 |
| Worcester | 8045 | 5352 | 5702 | 6171 | 8503 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | |
| Caroline | 1248 | 1539 | 2013 | 1746 | 3271 |
| Cecil | 17, 794 | 10, 182 | 20, 789 | 23, 530 | 31, 229 |
| Kent | 1114 | 1335 | 1390 | 1442 | 2414 |
| Queen Anne's | 1689 | 2574 | 2619 | 2706 | 5719 |
| Talbot | 3181 | 3404 | 3971 | 4267 | 6642 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | | |
| Calvert | 2784 | 3289 | 4069 | 4143 | 6884 |
| Charles | 7557 | 7981 | 9786 | 10, 209 | 11, 288 |
| St. Mary's | 3970 | 4322 | 5114 | 5199 | 7761 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | | |
| Prince George's | 61, 162 | 66, 444 | 86, 178 | 116, 280 | 126, 487 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | | | |
| Montgomery | 50, 663 | 58, 002 | 62, 722 | 80, 878 | 86, 354 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 25, 635 | 31, 837 | 30, 881 | 32, 923 | 45, 847 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 89, 240 | 70, 264 | 74, 581 | 81, 979 | 95, 763 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | | | |
| Harford | 12, 917 | 14, 188 | 18, 913 | 24, 070 | 34, 631 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | | | |
| Carroll | 4958 | 6655 | 6789 | 8858 | 11, 048 |
| Howard | 9659 | 12, 111 | 12, 637 | 16, 514 | 20, 396 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | | | |
| Frederick | 6338 | 14, 420 | 16, 146 | 18, 688 | 22, 025 |
| Washington | 7824 | 10, 029 | 10, 692 | 12, 969 | 20, 793 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | | | |
| Allegany | 4828 | 6131 | 5955 | 5718 | 8541 |
| Garrett | 1195 | 1161 | 1673 | 2176 | 3488 |
| STATE | 438, 793 | 458, 640 | 506, 650 | 576, 163 | 677, 673 |

COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

| | <u>1971-72</u> | <u>1972-73</u> | <u>1973-74</u> | <u>1974-75</u> | <u>1975-76</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| DISTRICT 1 | | | | | |
| Baltimore City | 53, 599 | 51, 576 | 53, 428 | 59, 875 | 67, 614 |
| DISTRICT 2 | | | | | |
| Dorchester | 1361 | 956 | 1181 | 1560 | 1325 |
| Somerset | 1532 | 833 | 811 | 1032 | 1089 |
| Wicomico | 2709 | 1489 | 1999 | 2490 | 2323 |
| Worcester | 1423 | 2258 | 1910 | 2319 | 2670 |
| DISTRICT 3 | | | | | |
| Caroline | 393 | 315 | 363 | 471 | 596 |
| Cecil | 1198 | 1339 | 1775 | 1724 | 1781 |
| Kent | 498 | 456 | 560 | 598 | 637 |
| Queen Anne's | 259 | 334 | 422 | 453 | 397 |
| Talbot | 527 | 570 | 636 | 832 | 977 |
| DISTRICT 4 | | | | | |
| Calvert | 539 | 680 | 601 | 698 | 700 |
| Charles | 1506 | 1557 | 1622 | 1547 | 1963 |
| St. Mary's | 1425 | 1460 | 1412 | 1473 | 1707 |
| DISTRICT 5 | | | | | |
| Prince George's | 13, 671 | 11, 890 | 12, 592 | 15, 568 | 17, 166 |
| DISTRICT 6 | | | | | |
| Montgomery | 5505 | 4373 | 5442 | 6968 | 7481 |
| DISTRICT 7 | | | | | |
| Anne Arundel | 9252 | 8521 | 9046 | 10, 709 | 11, 655 |
| DISTRICT 8 | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 7301 | 9911 | 12, 394 | 15, 394 | 17, 560 |
| DISTRICT 9 | | | | | |
| Harford | 1564 | 2048 | 2362 | 3014 | 3177 |
| DISTRICT 10 | | | | | |
| Carroll | 773 | 773 | 962 | 1409 | 1469 |
| Howard | 1518 | 1626 | 1972 | 2380 | 2602 |
| DISTRICT 11 | | | | | |
| Frederick | 2795 | 2348 | 2457 | 2719 | 2907 |
| Washington | 1357 | 1363 | 1766 | 2134 | 2333 |
| DISTRICT 12 | | | | | |
| Allegany | 1652 | 1735 | 1876 | 2008 | 2361 |
| Garrett | 566 | 410 | 383 | 421 | 503 |
| STATE | 112, 923 | 108, 821 | 117, 972 | 137, 796 | 152, 993 |



APPENDIX

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE JUDICIARY

Brief biographies of recently-appointed members of the judiciary follow.

THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge Charles E. Orth, Jr.

Judge Orth was born September 9, 1913. He obtained an A.B. degree at the Johns Hopkins University in 1935. In 1939 he received an LL.B. degree from the University of Baltimore Law School and was admitted to the Bar the same year.

Governor Marvin Mandel appointed Judge Orth to the Court of Appeals to fill the Sixth Appellate Circuit seat vacated by the death of Judge William J. O'Donnell. In 1967, he was appointed to the Court of Special Appeals and from 1972 until 1976 served as the Chief Judge of that Court. He was elevated to the Court of Appeals on June 8, 1976.

In addition to the general practice of law, Judge Orth served as an Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City from 1949 to 1951. He also served as the President of the Legal Aid Bureau from 1962 to 1965.

Judge Orth holds memberships in the American and Maryland State Bar Associations and the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Chief Judge Richard P. Gilbert

Judge Gilbert was born in Baltimore, Maryland on February 5, 1924. He received an Associate of Arts in 1947, a Bachelor of Laws in 1950, and a Master of Laws in 1954 from the University of Baltimore. He was admitted to the Bar in 1950, and is a member of the American, Maryland State and Baltimore City Bar Associations.

Judge Gilbert was appointed to the Court of Special Appeals as an associate judge in 1971. He was sworn in as Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals in June of 1976 following the elevation of former Chief Judge Orth to the Court of Appeals.

The Judge is a former traffic court magistrate and magistrate-at-large. He has served as a member of the Baltimore City Zoning Appeals Board, Chairman of the Off-Street Parking Commission, and as a member of the City's Charter Revision Committee.

Judge Solomon Liss

Judge Liss was born on March 6, 1915, in Baltimore, Maryland. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1937, and was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

In 1968, Judge Liss became a member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and was elected to a fifteen-year term of office in the November 1970 General Election. Governor Mandel appointed Judge Liss as an Associate Judge of the Court

of Special Appeals in June 1976. He filled a vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Orth to the Court of Appeals.

Judge Liss has previously served as a police magistrate, a member of the Baltimore City Council, an Advisor to the Mayor on Metropolitan Affairs, Chairman of the Metropolitan Advisory Council, and Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Maryland.

THE CIRCUIT COURTS

Judge Milton B. Allen

Governor Mandel appointed Judge Allen on January 26, 1976, to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City which comprises the Eighth Judicial Circuit. He replaced the Honorable Charles D. Harris.

Judge Allen was born on November 10, 1917. He graduated from Coppin State College in 1938, and in 1949 received an LL.B. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. He was admitted to the Bar prior to his graduation in 1948.

Judge Allen is a member of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, National Bar Association, Monumental City Bar Association and the Maryland State Bar Association. He has served as State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

Judge William R. Buchanan

Judge Buchanan was elevated to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the District Court on July 16, 1976. He replaced Judge John G. Turnbull who had retired.

Judge Buchanan was born on July 25, 1926 in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Loyola College in 1949 with a Ph.B. degree. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1953 and was admitted to practice that same year.

The Judge is a member of the Baltimore County Bar Association which he served as Secretary and as a member of the Executive Council from 1970-71. He is also a member of the Maryland State Bar Association and served on the Board of Governors from the Third Judicial Circuit in 1971-72. He is presently a member of the Judicial Administration Section of the Maryland State Bar and serves on the "Pattern Jury Instruction Committee". Judge Buchanan also is a member of the American Bar Association and its Criminal Law Section.

Judge Brodnax Cameron, Jr.

Governor Marvin Mandel appointed Judge Cameron to the Circuit Court for Harford County on September 8, 1976. He succeeded Judge Harry E. Dyer who retired in June of 1976.

Judge Cameron was born in Charlottesville, Virginia on November 15, 1921. As an undergraduate he attended Princeton University and received an AB degree in 1943. He obtained an LL.B. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1959 and was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

The Judge has served as Treasurer and President of the Harford County Bar Association. He also holds memberships in the American and Maryland State Bar Associations and the American Judicature Society.

Judge Guy J. Cicone

Judge Cicone was appointed by the Governor on April 20, 1976, to the Circuit Court for Howard County to replace the Honorable T. Hunt Mayfield upon his retirement. The Judge was born in Weirton, West Virginia on September 20, 1918. He received a BS degree from Loyola College and an LL.B. degree in 1952 from the University of Maryland School of Law. He was admitted to the Bar the same year. Judge Cicone has served as the President of the Howard County Bar Association for 1975-76 and is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association. His past public service includes representation of the Maryland State Highway Administration as a special Assistant Attorney General.

Judge K. Thomas Everngam

Judge Everngam was sworn in to fill a vacancy on the Circuit Court for Caroline County on January 2, 1976. The position was previously held by Judge James A. Wise.

Judge Everngam was born on April 24, 1912. As an undergraduate he attended Washington and Lee University. In 1938, he received an LL.B. degree from Washington College of Law which is now American University. He was admitted to the Bars in Maryland and the District of Columbia that same year.

In addition to private practice, Judge Everngam has served as an Assistant Attorney General of Maryland from 1943 to 1946 and Assistant United States Attorney in Maryland from 1941 to 1943. He has served as President of the Caroline County Bar Association for two terms and President of the Second Judicial Circuit Bar Association. In addition, the Judge has been a member of the Board of Governors and numerous committees of the Maryland Bar Association over the past thirty-two years. He is also a member of the American Judicature Society.

Judge Robert L. Sullivan, Jr.

Judge Sullivan was appointed to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City on March 2, 1976. He replaced the Honorable Dulany Foster who retired on August 31, 1975.

Judge Sullivan was born May 22, 1921. He received an A.A. degree in 1947 and an LL.B. in 1950, both from the University of Baltimore.

From August 1971 to March 1976, Judge Sullivan was Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission. He holds memberships in the Baltimore City, Maryland State and American Bar Associations.

Judge Frederick A. Thayer, III

Judge Thayer was born April 29, 1933 at Cumberland, Maryland. He received the AB degree from Wooster College in 1955 and the JD degree from Duke University School of Law in 1958. While at the latter school he served as Editor of the Duke Law Journal. The Judge was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1958.

Judge Thayer served as State's Attorney for Garrett County for three terms of office from 1962 until 1974. He is a member of the Garrett County and Maryland State Bar Associations.

Judge Bruce C. Williams

Judge Williams was born February 11, 1931. He received his AB degree from Pinceton University in 1952 and JD degree from the University of Virginia School in Law in 1958. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Judge Williams served as a member of the People's Court of Anne Arundel County from December 4, 1964 until the establishment of the District Court of Maryland on July 5, 1971. He served on the latter until his election to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County in November of 1976. Judge Williams is a former Chairman of the Maryland Judicial Conference of Judges of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction and graduate of the National College of the State Judiciary at Reno, Nevada. He is a member of the American Judicature Society and Anne Arundel County and Maryland State Bar Associations.

Judge Robert J. Woods

Judge Woods was sworn in as a member of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County on August 2, 1976. He was elevated from the District Court where he had served from 1971 to 1976, to replace the Honorable Robert B. Mathias upon the latter's retirement.

Judge Woods was born in Washington, D. C. on February 16, 1933. He attended Georgetown University from 1952 to 1956 and received a BS degree. The Judge received his LL.B. degree from the Catholic University School of Law in 1962 and was admitted to the Maryland Bar the following year.

Judge Woods is a member of both the Prince George's County and Maryland State Bar Associations. He served as Assistant State's Attorney for Prince George's County from 1966 to 1969.

THE DISTRICT COURT

Judge Martin S. Becker

Governor Marvin Mandel appointed Judge Becker to the District Court for Montgomery County in August of 1976. He replaced the Honorable J. Hodge Smith who retired the same month.

Judge Becker was born in the District of Columbia on June 3, 1926. He received an LL.B. degree from the George Washington School of Law in 1950. The Judge was admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1950. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1956.

Judge Becker served in the House of Delegates from 1967 to 1976 and was Chairman of the Montgomery County Delegation in 1971 and the House Economic Matters Committee from 1971 to 1976. He was a member of the Legislative Council from 1971 to 1975 and the Legislative Policy Committee in 1976. The Judge is a member of the American, Montgomery County, and Maryland State Bar Associations and District of Columbia Unified Bar.

Judge L. Edgar Brown

Judge Brown was born in Easton, Maryland on November 3, 1935. He received his AB degree in 1957 and his LL.B. degree in 1965, both from the University of Maryland. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1965.

The Judge is a member of the Caroline County, Second Judicial Circuit, Maryland State, and the American Bar Associations. He has served as Chairman of the Section on Real Property, Planning and Zoning of the Maryland State Bar Association and also as a member of the organization's Long Range Planning Committee.

Judge Brown formerly served as Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County. He also has represented the Planning and Zoning Commission of Caroline County and its Board of Zoning Appeals.

Judge Hilary D. Caplan

Judge Caplan was appointed to a vacancy on the District Court for Baltimore City created by the retirement of the Honorable Henry L. Rogers. He took the oath of office on October 20, 1976.

The Judge was born on July 7, 1935. He received an LL.B. degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1961 and is a member of the Bars of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. He has also been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Caplan holds memberships in the American, Maryland State, Baltimore City and District of Columbia Bar Associations. He is a former Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City and served as Chief of the Trial Division of that office.

Judge Joseph A. Ciotola

Judge Ciotola was sworn in as a member of the District Court for Baltimore City on January 14, 1976. The Judge was born October 4, 1919. He attended the University of Baltimore School of Law, receiving a JD degree in 1947, and admitted to the Bar that same year. He is a member of the American, Maryland State, and Baltimore City Bar Associations since 1947.

Judge Ciotola has served on the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board of Baltimore City. He has also been a member of the Commission to Revise the Land Patent Section of the Code and has served as President of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Baltimore City.

Judge Richard J. Clark

Governor Mandel appointed Judge Clark to the District Court for Charles County to replace the Honorable George W. Bowling who was elevated to the Circuit Court. Judge Clark qualified February 6, 1976.

Judge Clark was born June 20, 1942 in Washington, D. C. He attended Catholic University and the University of Maryland where he received an AB degree in June of 1965. His JD degree is from the University of Maryland School of Law which he received in 1969. He was also admitted to the Bar that same year.

From 1972-1974 Judge Clark acted as a Juvenile Master for the Charles County Circuit Court. The following two years he served as Public Defender for Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties.

He is a member of the Maryland State and Charles County Bar Associations, the latter of which he served as Secretary-Treasurer in 1974 and President in 1975. The Judge also serves on the Region II Board of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

Judge Irving H. Fisher

The Governor appointed Judge Fisher to the District Court for Prince George's County to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Judge Robert J. Woods to the Circuit Court. Judge Fisher was sworn in on September 16, 1976.

The Judge was born February 9, 1920. He graduated first in his class from Mount Vernon School of Law and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1956 after placing first in the bar examination. He is also a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Judge Fisher has served for two terms as Chairman of the Family and Juvenile Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association. He is also a member of the Prince George's County Bar Association and has been active in both organizations, serving on various committees.

Judge Robert D. Horsey

Governor Mandel appointed Judge Horsey to the District Court for Somerset County to succeed Judge Lloyd L. Simpkins who had been previously elevated to the Circuit Court. He qualified April 19, 1976.

Judge Horsey was born August 19, 1933. As an undergraduate he attended the University of North Carolina and received an AB degree in 1958. He received an LL.B. degree in 1961 from the University of Baltimore School of Law and was admitted to the Bar the same year.

From 1967-76 Judge Horsey served as State's Attorney for Somerset County. He is a member of the Somerset County, Maryland State and American Bar Associations. He also holds memberships in the National District Attorneys' Association and the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association.

Judge John P. Rellas

Judge Rellas succeeded the Honorable William R. Buchanan on the District Court for Baltimore County. He was sworn in on September 3, 1976.

Judge Rellas was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, July 26, 1926. He received an AB degree from John B. Stetson University in 1949 and an LL.B. degree from the Mount Vernon School of Law in 1955. The Judge was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1961.

From 1972 to 1976, Judge Rellas served as an Assistant Public Defender for Baltimore County. He is also a member of the Baltimore County Bar Association and has been active on a number of its committees since 1964.

Judge Gerald W. Wittstadt

Judge Wittstadt qualified as a member of the District Court for Baltimore County on April 9, 1976.

Judge Wittstadt was born March 25, 1932. He received his AB degree from the University of Maryland in 1954 and his JD degree from its School of Law in 1957. He was admitted to the Bar that same year.

Judge Wittstadt served as Assistant Attorney General from 1961 - 1964 and Assistant Public Defender from 1971 - 1976. He has held memberships in the Baltimore County, Maryland State, and American Bar Associations since 1957.

Judge Sylvania W. Woods

Judge Woods qualified as a member of the District Court for Prince George's County on January 28, 1976. He succeeded the late Judge Henry P. Johnson.

Judge Woods was born at Fort Gaines, Georgia on August 4, 1927. He received his AB degree in 1949 from Morris Brown College. In 1960 he received his LL.B. degree from Washington College of Law of American University. He was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1961 and the Maryland Bar in 1969.

The Judge holds memberships in the District of Columbia Bar Association, the Prince George's County Bar Association, the Washington Bar Association and the Washington, D. C. Unified Bar Association.

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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS

During the period July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976, there was substantial activity on the part of the several Judicial Nominating Commissions. The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission met twice during these 12 months; each of the eight Trial Courts Commissions met at least once, except the Fourth Circuit Commission. Altogether, 22 commission meetings were held during Fiscal 1976 for the purpose of considering the submission of judicial nominees to the Governor.

For purposes of comparative statistics, it may be interesting to examine the number of judicial vacancies that both occurred and were filled during Fiscal 1976. There were 19 such vacancies, six on the District Court, 12 on the circuit courts/Supreme Bench, and one in the Court of Appeals.*

With respect to these 19 vacancies, the commissions considered 162 applications (72 for the District Court, 80 for the circuit court/Supreme Bench, 10 for the appellate court) and submitted 64 names to the Governor (22 for the District Court, 37 for the circuit court/Supreme Bench, 5 for the appellate court).

These sparse statistics give only a partial picture of the workload of the nominating commission members, for they do not reveal the many hours spent

*During Fiscal 1976, 4 other vacancies occurred but were not filled during the fiscal year, and during the same period, 3 vacancies that had occurred previously were filled. In order to develop a basis for comparative analysis, this report will discuss only the vacancies that both occurred and were filled during the fiscal year.

in meetings and the time devoted to study of personal data questionnaires and to other aspects of the investigation of applicants for judicial positions.

The State is fortunate in having as members of the Nominating Commissions so many capable lawyer and lay people who are willing to devote many hours of uncompensated time to this critically important phase of the judicial selection process.

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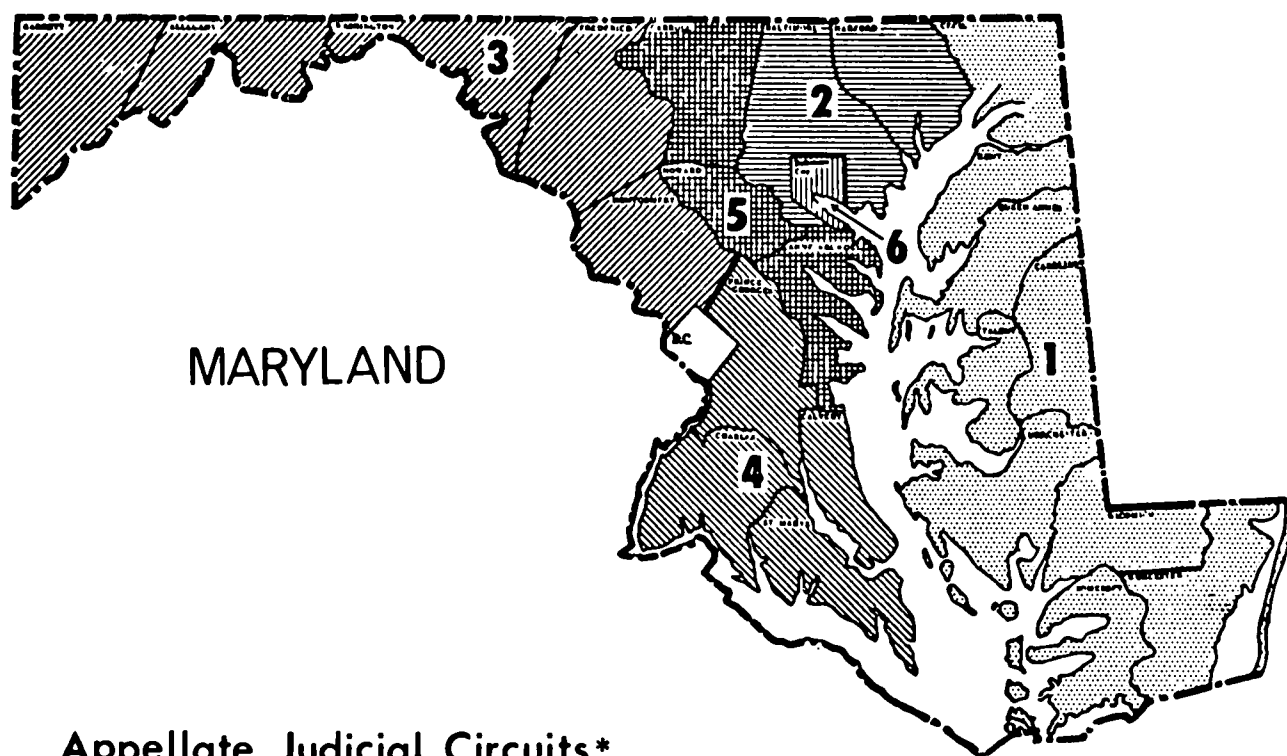
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THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

The Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities opened 68 files during the period of July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976. This represents a significant increase over the 18 files opened the previous year. In addition, it received numerous telephone calls and letters requesting information on how to make a complaint and complaining about the judiciary in general. No separate tabulation is made of telephone inquiries or general letters. A statement of the Commission's purpose and jurisdiction is sent to an individual along with directions on filing a complaint if the information is desired.

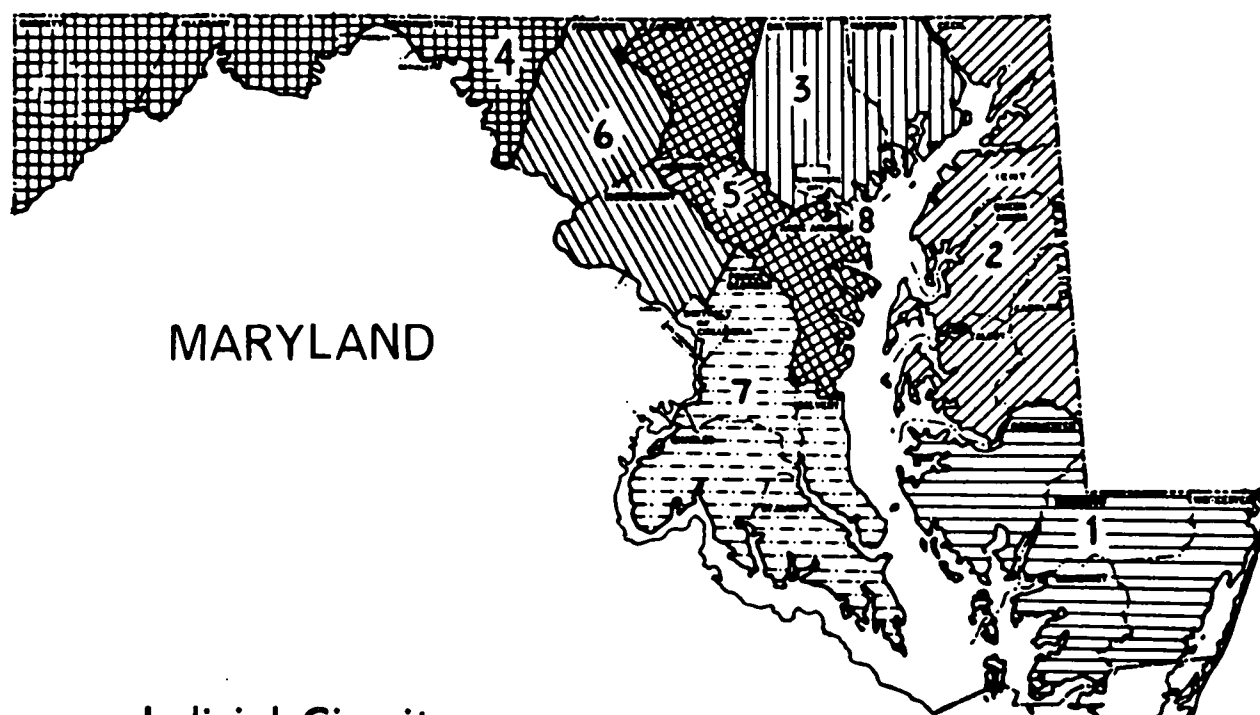
As has been the experience in the past, most of the complaints received were dismissed after a minimum of investigation because it was clear there was no judicial misconduct or wrongdoing. The most prevalent complaint continues to be simply dissatisfaction with the outcome of litigation usually arising out of either domestic relations cases or minor criminal cases where a complainant has sworn out a warrant on a neighbor and the judge has found the neighbor not guilty.

The Commission meets as a body irregularly depending upon business matters. The Honorable Richard P. Gilbert is the Chairman of the Commission and other present members are: the Honorable Edward D. Hardesty, William L. Marbury, Esquire, Carroll W. Royston, Esquire, Walter Sondheim, Jr., the Honorable Robert L. Sullivan, Jr., and the Honorable James H. Taylor.

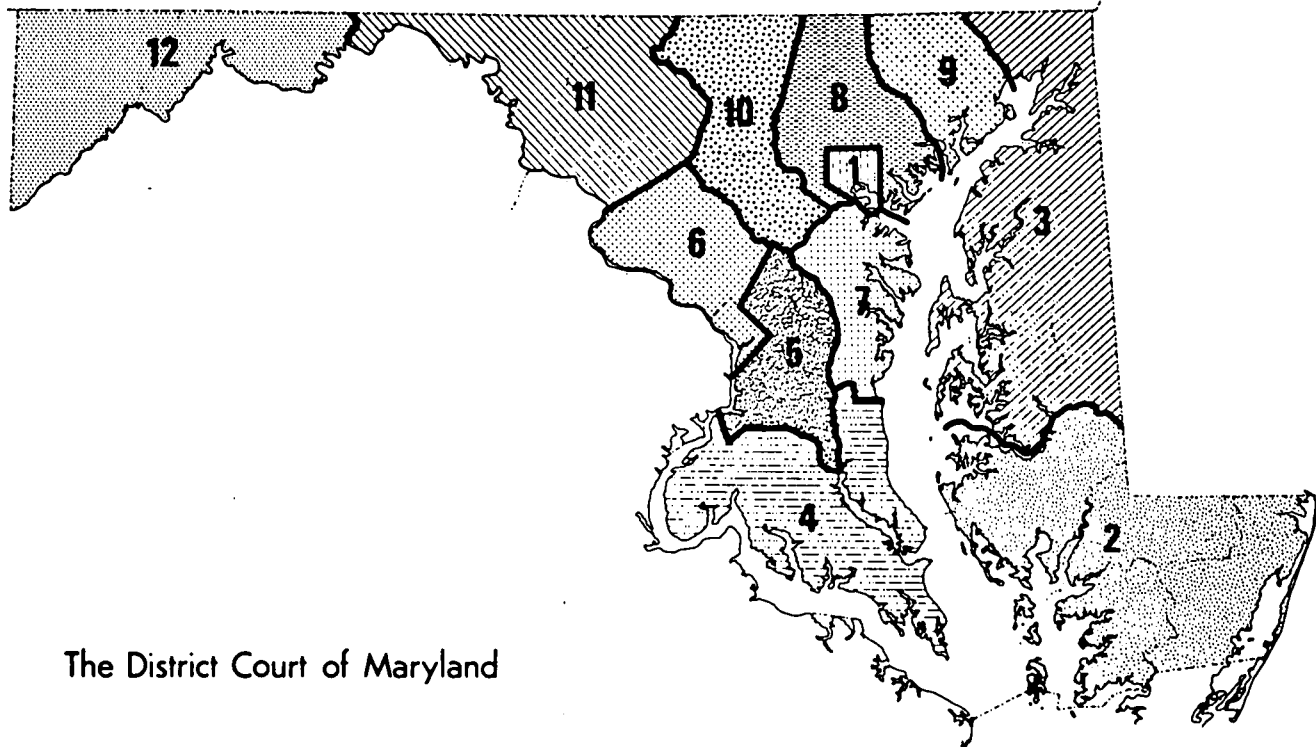


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* By Chapter 99, Laws of 1970, effective July 1, 1970, the "Special Appellate Judicial Circuits" were designated the same as "Appellate Judicial Circuits".



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